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CONGRESS BID FOR ABSOLUTE MAJORITY

Assembly Voters Plump For City Leaders

Queues Without Tumult Or Shouting: Heavier Polling At Suburban Booths

WITHOUT FUSS AND FANFARE, WITHOUT TOO MUCH EVEN OF THE USUAL SLOGAN SHOUTING, BUT WITH CALM AND STEADY DETERMINATION VOTERS OF BOMBAY WENT TO POLLS ON MONDAY TO ELECT NINE CANDIDATES TO THE BOMBAY LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Unofficial estimates made at the end of the day's polling, suggest that only 40 to 45 per cent of the city's 4,94,038 voters recorded their votes in the course of the day.

This poor voting is partly attributed to the comparative inadequacy of polling arrangements.

In many cases the voters found the exercise of their political right of vote turned out to be an ordeal of faith. Particularly in the morning, the polling clerks were unable to cope with the rush of voters and long queues were the order of the day.

Polling, however, slackened in the afternoon and once again brisked up towards closing time.

The Congress has contested all the nine seats in the city and suburbs and is hopeful of winning all the nine seats. But the two candidates of the Scheduled Castes Federation from the 'E' and 'F' Wards Constituency and the 'G' Ward and Suburbs Constituecny also claim to have polled enough votes to challenge the position of the Congress candidates.

LEADERS TOUR ROUND BOOTHS

In the afternoon, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, accompanied by Mr. S. K. Patil, Mr. Nagindas T. Master and other Congress leaders went round the polling booths. His repeated call for a peaceful election was fulfilled.

The Municipal Commissioner, the Police Commissioner and other officers also toured round the booths in the course of the day.

Women voters vied with men in their enthusiasm and it was obvious that their votes went more solidly to the Congress candidates, than the votes of the men.

LONG QUEUES

A round of the polling stations an hour after opening revealed long and eager queues of people everywhere. At Shivaji Park, for instance, a queue stretched itself a furlong and a half in the form of a huge question mark, at one end of the booth; at the other end where there was not so much room a triple loop wound itself, while inside the loop was yet another smaller queue for the Scheduled Caste voters. In Matunga, again, a complicated, multiple hair pin bend came into position within an hour after the commencement of voting, while the police officers allowed voters to get in by driblets. At the Y.M.C.A. Playground, Agripada, for instance, there was a regular labyrinth of queues. As the day grew hotter, the people continued to stand, with perspiration trickling down their faces, waiting for their turn to come. In many cases, they balked at the effort and melted away. Towards noon, the queues tended to disappear, particularly in the case of women.

A thousand cars and a number of lorries worked for Congress candidates, while 3,000 volunteers, not to speak of a large number of enthusiastic citizens, canvassed vigorously for the Congress, although they scrupulously avoided crowding near the booths.

For the three seats from 'A', 'B' 'C' and 'D' Wards there are three Congress candidates. These are Mr Bhawanji Arjun Khimji, Mr. H. R. Pardiwala and Mr. S. L. Silam. The Congress candidates got good support while Mr. L. G. Thatte who represented the Anti-Pakistan Front was sorely neglected.

POOR RESPONSE FROM WOMEN VOTERS

In the 'A' Ward there are 34,267 voters. Men voters from Upper Colaba went to the booth at the Cooperage while women voters from the same area recorded their votes at the University Convocation Hall. Parsis were predominant among the voters at the Cooperage. Parsi volunteers were pursuading Parsi voters to split their votes equally and it is gathered that the voters responded in a spirit of co-operation. Voting at the Convocation Hall was dull and hardly a hundred women had voted by noon.

Voters from Fort North and Esplanade

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Fresh Lease For 'Elders'

(From Our Correspondent)
NEW DELHI March 11.

It is understood Lord Wavell has extended the life of the Council Of State. This seems to be in response to the request made by the Council Of State that elections would be difficult in summer months.

I understand elections will be held in autumn after the summer session of the council of State. As at present life of the Council Of State has been entended till the end of May. Now it will be extended by another six months.

CITY ELECTION SCENES.—A view of the Gilder Tank polling booth where the fair sex registered their votes.

KHIZR TO LEAD PUNJAB CABINET

LAHORE, March 11 (A.P.A.): The Punjab Coalition leader, Malik Sir Khizr Hayat Khan Tiwana, who had been invited by the Governor of the Province to form a ministry today announced the following names in the first instance:

Malik Sir Khizr Hyat Khan Tiwana .. .. Premier (Unionist)
Nawab Sir Muzaffar Ali Kuzilbash ..... (Unionist)
Lala Bhim Sen Sachar .. (Congress)
Sardar Baldev Singh ..... (Akali)

The Ministers were sworn in at 5-30 this evening at Government House.

The names of other cabinet ministers will be announced later.

S. A. DELEGATION WILL MEET VICEROY TODAY

NEW DELHI, March 11 (A.P.I.): South African Delegation arrived here today and will meet the Viceroy tomorrow afternoon. Some members of the Delegation today met Mr. M. A. Jinnah and H. H. the Aga Khan.

INDONESIAN ATTACK ON BRITISH CONVOYS

Dutch Landings Meant 'Violation Of Their Sovereignty', Protests Dr. Sjahrir

BATAVIA, March 11 (Reuter): Seven Allied troops were killed and 25 were wounded in a fresh outbreak of violence in Java which has followed the arrival on Saturday of the first draft of Dutch troops to replace Indian and British Forces.

As Dr. Sultan Sjahrir, the Premier and Foreign Minister of Indonesian Republic, was today formally protesting to Sir Montague Stopford, the Allied Commander-in-Chief, that the Dutch landings meant a "violation of the sovereignty of Indonesians", British "Thunderbolt fighters" were in action only a few miles away against Indonesian extremists attacking two British road convoys.

The convoys were brought to a standstill last night between Badoeng and Batavia by fire from Indonesians entrenched behind road blocks and at the sides of the road.

They sent an urgent appeal for air support and this morning "Thunderbolts" made five sweeps over the Indonesian positions silencing their fire.

The Allied casualty figures of seven killed and 25 wounded, which were quoted by the Netherlands News Agency, are up to 20 hours Sunday local time.

Near Semarang, half way along the northern coast, where Dutch Infantry battalion has landed, khakiclad Indonesians today shelled the railway station and a warehouse, while Allied troops were in action against slight opposition to clear more ground round Surabaya.

Troops of the 49th Indian Brigade have occupied Lembang.

The Netherlands News Agency said today that the evacuation of Indian and British troops from Java is to be carried out as rapidly as possible, and Allied commanders today conferred on the withdrawal programme. All Dutch troops now in Malaya will be transferred to the Dutch East Indies within the next few weeks.

Indians Desert British In Java?

BATAVIA, March 11, (U.P.A.): The recent mutiny in India resulted in increased distrust of the British by Indian troops throughout the Netherlands East Indies, according to an informed source, who added that this is the reason Dutch troops were held up in Malaya.

Reports continue from Bandoeng that some Indians are fighting with Indonesian extremists after deserting the British lines.

BHOPAL MINISTER MEETS GANDHIJI

Top-Level Parleys Among Leaders In City

BOMBAY, Monday.

Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Acharya Kripalani and Pandit Govind Vallabh Pant had discussions with Mahatma Gandhi this evening. The discussions, it is believed, related to posting Mahatmaji with the latest developments in the country on the one hand and obtaining from him a brief report of what transpired during his recent meeting with His Highness the Aga Khan and the Nawab of Bhopal. It is also believed that Gandhiji apprised these leaders of the contents of his recent correspondence with Lord Wavell the Viceroy or India.

These discussions were followed by a meeting between Mahatma Gandhi and Mr. S. Querishi, Bhopal Minister. At this meeting Sardar Patel and Acharya Kripalani were also present. Soon after this meeting Acharya Kripalani called on the Congress President, Maulana Azad, and presumably conveyed to him what transpired at this afternoon's meetings at Gandhiji's residence.

Political observers interpret that the Querishi-Gandhi discussions may be a continuation of the recent negotiations between the Congress and the Chancellor of the Chamber of Princes, the Nawab of Bhopal.

C-IN-C'S AIR DASH TO LONDON

(From Our Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, March 11: The Commander-in-Chief, Sir C. Auchinleck, has suddenly left for London today.

His place was taken by War Secretary Dundas in the Council of State today.

Rumour has it that his policy 'vis-a-vis' the I.N.A. and the R.I.N. has not met with the approval of the War Office and that he has been called upon to explain.

The other view is that he has been called in connection with new constitutional setup in India.

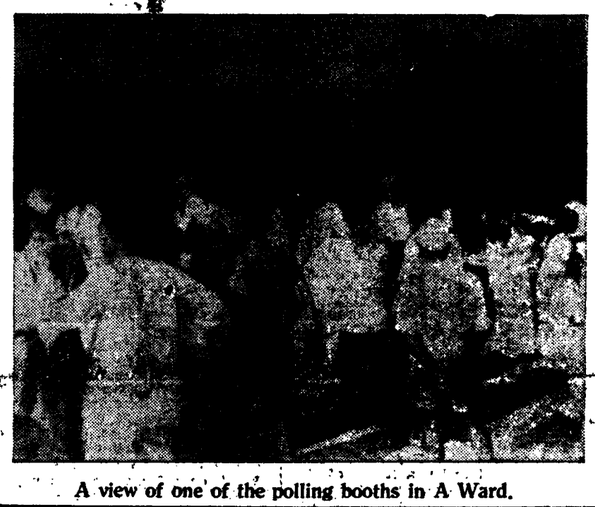
PURELY DOMESTIC ISSUE!

LONDON, March 11 (Reuter): The riot in the Royal Indian Navy and Indian Army will be regarded as a purely domestic issue, in the same way that the recent riots in Britain's military prisons were purely domestic, and will not form part of official discussions at the Commander-in-Chief conference convened by the Imperial General Staff to be held at Camberley within the next few days, cables Ronald Bedford, Reuter's special correspondent.

This is the view taken by well-informed military quarters here and no special significance is attached to the presence at the conference of General Sir Claude Auchinleck, Commander-in-Chief in India.

It is known that General Auchinleck had been requested to attend the conference long before the recent trouble in Indian Service began and the Conference agenda which was prepared several months ago is unchanged.

If the question of the recent unrest in the Indian fighting Services is raked up at all, it will be discussed privately between those commanders participating in the conference and will not be dealt with in the official business.



A view of one of the polling booths in A Ward.

AZAD HIND GOVT. MEMBER BROUGHT TO INDIA

CALCUTTA, March 11 (U.P.I.): Maj.-Gen. A. C. Chatterjee, a prominent member of the Azad Hind Cabinet, is understood to have been brought to India. It is learnt he is detained in the Red Fort at Delhi.

R.I.N. RATINGS STRIKE INQUIRY

C.-in-C. On Recommendations To Government

NEW DELHI, March 11 (API):—A meeting of the Defence Consultative Committee was held on Friday, March 8, 1946, to discuss the recent mutiny in the Royal Indian Navy, says a communique.

The Commander-in-Chief in India, Gen. Sir Claude Auchinleck, presided.

The Secretary, War Department, made a factual statement giving the course of events of the mutiny.

The C-in-C, then made a statement of the policy he was recommending to the Government of India namely, that, although there would be no mass or vindictive punishment, ringleaders who incited others to mutiny and individuals found guilty of acts of violence should be brought to justice.

He also proposed to recommend to the Government of India the appointment of a commission to enquire into and report on the causes and origin of the mutiny.

The terms of reference, composition and procedure of the proposed Commission were discussed. The Committee advised that the Commission should consist of a non-official chairman with legal or judicial experience, two Service members—an Admiral of the Royal Navy and a General of the Army—and two non-official members, who would not be members of the Legislature.

Site For New World Bank

Americans Prefer Washington

GEORGIA, June 11 (Reuter): The American delegation at the International Monetary Conference here has outlined a strongly-worded policy in favour of Washington as the permanent site of the new World Bank and Monetary Fund rather than New York which, according to American reports, is favoured by British and Canadian delegates.

American delegates contend that the two institutions should be away from the direct influence of an international banking centre like New York.

SPAAK FORMS NEW BELGIAN CABINET

BRUSSELS, March 11, (A.P.A.): Paul Henri Spaak, United Nations President and former Foreign Minister of Belgium, formed a cabinet of Socialist today and prepared to go before Parliament as Prime Minister, the Belgians' third since the liberation.

STOP PRESS

INDIAN CASUALTIES MOUNTING

BATAVIA, March 11 (Reuter): Latest unofficial figures of Allied casualties in the Soekaboemi convoy battle are nine killed and 25 wounded. The casualties are mostly Indian, but it is stated one British other rank is among the dead.

ALIEN TROOPS START QUITTING SYRIA

BEIRUT, March 11 (Reuter): British and French forces are due to start their evacuation of Syria today, in accordance with the joint Anglo-French statement issued a week ago.

Both troops are due to be out of Syria by April 30, and British official quarters in London today said that all British troops would be withdrawn from the Lebanon by the end of June.

CHINESE "RUSHED" TO MUKDEN

CHUNGKING, March 11 (Reuter): While the Chinese had still not officially heard today of Soviet withdrawal from Mukden, the independent Chungking newspaper "Ta Kung Pao" reported that the new American trained and equipped Chinese First Army is being "rushed" there from Chingchow, 15 miles south-west, which is Generalissimo Chiang's Headquarters in Manchuria.

DEADLOCK AT DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

(From Our Correspondent)

LONDON, March 11: A virtual deadlock has developed at the Deputy Foreign Ministers' conference over the main points of the Italian peace treaty—disposition of the Italian colonies and reparations. The Soviets are standing pat for the sole trusteeship over Tripolitania bases. Dodecanese and heavy reparations payments from Italy.

The Americans favour referring the controversial issues to the Peace Conference in Paris in May or June for what is described as an open showdown.

NO CONFIDENCE MOVE AGAINST HIDAYATULLAH

KARACHI, March 11 (A.P.I.): Mr. G. M. Syed, Leader of the Sind Assembly Coalition Party today gave notice of no-confidence motion against the Hidayatullah Ministry.

Three more motions expressing want of confidence in the Sind Premier, the Home Minister and the Education Minister have been sent by the members of the Opposition Party.

ANTI-CHURCHILL MOTION TABLED

M. P.s Say Fulton Speech Inimical To World Peace

LONDON, March 11, (A.P.A.): More than a score of Labour members of Parliament have filed a motion calling on the Commons to condemn Winston Churchill's Fulton speech as "inimical to the cause of world peace" and urging support of the United Nations until it can perform "the functions of a world Government."

The 26 majority members who signed the motion, none of them members of the Government, included several members who usually are not over sensitive of criticism of Russia.

The motion on which a time for debate has not yet been set, urged the House to vote that it "considers that proposals for a military alliance between the British Commonwealth and the United States for the purpose of combating the spread of Communism.....are calculated to do injury to the good relations between Great Britain, the United States and the U.S.S.R. and are inimical to the cause of world peace....."

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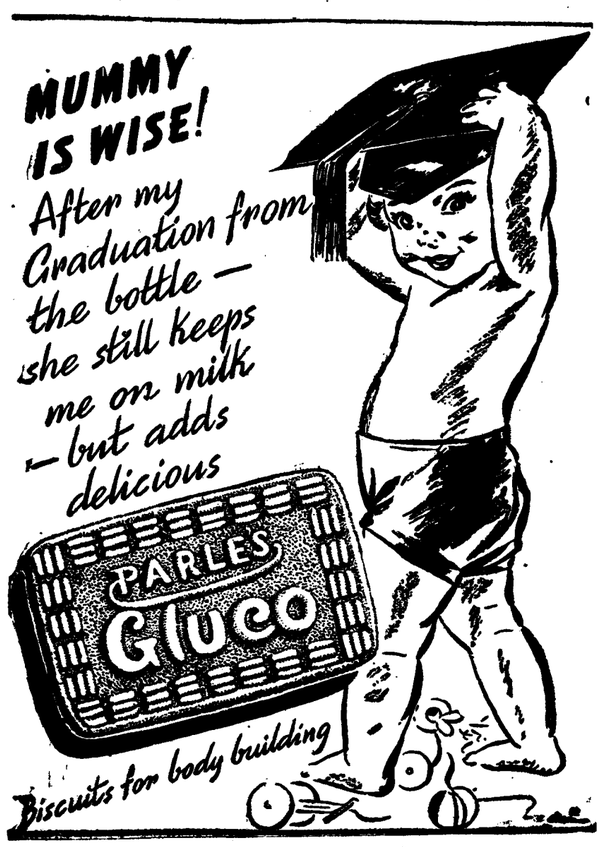
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Wrong Step Now Would Lead To Disaster

Azad Deplores Delhi Disturbances

Says Congress Has Clear Cut Programme & Every Worker Has To Follow It

NEW DELHI, March 11 (A.P.I.): "What happened in Delhi on the Victory Day was not a service but a definite disservice to the country's cause", said Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, Congress President, in a talk to Congress workers of Delhi this morning.

TO LEAD OR TO BE LED?

The Maulana said the country was faced with big issues and any wrong step at such a moment, was bound to lead to disaster. There were moments in a nation's life when leaders had to choose whether they were to lead or to be led. "I for one will not sacrifice my conscience for the sake of popularity. Do not be afraid of others stealing a march over you by playing with public sentiments. Congress has a clear cut programme. Every worker has to follow it. Do not mind it if you become unpopular with the mob for the time being. You have to bear this unpopularity for the sake of discipline" he said. "The Victory Day celebrations in Delhi were a local affair. I had already told the President of your Provincial Congress Committee when he approached me before my departure to Lahore that the celebrations were to be boycotted but no demonstrations against them were to be held. I am glad responsible Congress workers of Delhi acted up to my advice: they did not participate in any violent demonstrations. They tried to keep the atmosphere peaceful. I congratulate them."

CONGRESS WILL GIVE THE WORD IF.....

About the Cabinet Mission, the Maulana said that if talks with them which would be initiated on the basis of complete independence succeeded, well and good: but if they failed, the Congress would be prepared for the final struggle. "We have created much enthusiasm in the country but we must see that this national wealth is not squandered away but is kept in reserve for proper use. It is definitely wrong to destroy public property. Swaraj cannot be obtained that way. If and when the time for final struggle comes, Congress will tell you what the programme is."

DISCIPLINARY ACTION

Replying to questions he exhorted the Provincial Congress Committee to take disciplinary action against Congressmen who were carrying on parallel activities. He also approved of enforcing the clause about the habitual wearing of Khaddar.

The meeting was held at the residence of Lala Desbandhu Gupta, Editor, "Tej."

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26,172 ITALIAN POWS IN INDIA STILL

But Not At This Country's Expense, Says War Secretary

NEW DELHI, March 11 (API): During question time in the Council of State to-day replying to Flt.-Lt. Rup Chand, Mr. A. D. F. Dundas, War Secretary, said that there were still in India 26,172 Italian prisoners of war kept in eight camps.

All Italian P.O.W.S., Mr. Dundas said, would be repatriated as shipping became available but they could not be given priority for repatriation over British troops.

The total expenditure incurred on their maintenance in India upto the end of 1944-45 was over 28 crores. The expenditure for 1945-46 was estimated at three and half crores. No portion of the expenditure incurred on the maintenance of those prisoners fell on Indian revenues.

MORE 'VANASPATI' FOR HOUSEHOLD CONSUMPTION

The Food Member, Sir Jwala Prasad Srivastava told the House that Government were planning to increase the production of vegetable product (Vanaspati) in India.

Twenty-seven parties were being assisted to put up factories. This would increase the production capacity of 'Vanaspati' by 154,500 tons, of which a small proportion should be available for consumption in 1946 according to the import and erection of plants.

INSURANCE ACT AMENDED

The Council of State passed the Bill further to amend the Insurance Act 1938, as passed by the Legislative Assembly.

The House adjourned till to-morrow.

Adequate Compensation For Victims' Families

BOMBAY, Monday.

The following resolution was adopted recently by the Bengal Musim Association, Mr. Ahmed Ali presiding.

"This meeting of the Bengali Muslims in Bombay earnestly requests the Government of Bombay adequately to compensate the death of two innocent persons, Abdul Sabur, and Abdur Rob, mebbers of the Bengal, Muslim Association, Bombay, by bullet wounds during the last indiscriminate firing by the military. The former was working in the Western India Spinning and Manufacturing Co. Ltd., Victoria Garden Road, and the latter in Pannalal Silk Mill, Reay Road. On February 22, while coming out of their residence with a view to going to their duties they were all of a sudden hit in the chest by the bullets fired by the soldiers patrolling in a military van nearby. Later in the night at about 11-30 p. m. they died in the K.E. M. Hospital. This meeting also urges upon the Government of Bengal to take up the matter with the Government of Bombay for due compensation to the families of the deceased."

WEIGHTY ISSUES BEFORE CONGRESS EXECUTIVE

Attitude Towards Cabinet Delegation To Be Defined: Recent Disturbances In India To Be Discussed

BOMBAY, March 11 (UPI): Although nearly 24 hours or so are still left for the commencement of the next meeting of the Congress Working Committee, the atmosphere has already become surcharged with all manner of speculations and conjectures about the lead which the Congress would give to the country at large at this critical juncture on some of the most momentous issues which have been agitating the public mind all over India. Never before perhaps was the supreme Executive of the Indian National Congress called upon to negotiate problems of such far-reaching consequences to the nation's struggle for freedom and the all-round welfare of the suffering masses of India.

The 'United Press of India' learns that originally it was proposed to convene the meeting of the Working Committee at Poona where it would have been convenient for Gandhiji to participate in its deliberations. But in view of the recent outburst in Bombay of national distemper in an altogether new and perhaps unthought-of direction, the Congress High Command felt that the venue should be shifted from Poona to Bombay. In this connection, it is understood, Gandhiji's opinion was sought for and obtained by the Congress President. The 'United Press of India' further learns that Gandhiji has definitely assured the Congress President of his presence at Bombay in connection with the meetings of the Working Committee.

FOUR-DAY SESSION

According to the programme as it stands at present, the Working Committee is scheduled to dispose of its business in 4 days' time from the 12th to the 15th March. This time-limit has evidently been provisionally fixed in order to release Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru for his proposed tour to Malaya. But opinion in informed Congres circles is definite that it would be an almost impossible task for the Working Committee to go through the formidable agenda which has been drawn up in four days' time.

In view of the fact that diverse weighty issues will come up for decision by the Working Committee at its forthcoming session, all members of the Committee, have it is understood, been requested to make it a point to attend. In particular, Dr. Rajendra Prasad who has not been keeping good health for some time, and Khan Abdul Ghafar Khan have been requested personally by the Congress President to attend and participate in the momentous deliberations of the Committee on this occasion.

The pride of place in the agenda prepared for the next meeting of the Working Committee, the 'United Press of India understands from a reliable source, goes to reiteration of adherence by the Congress to peaceful and non-violent means for achieving its goal of complete Independence. In view of recent disturbances at different centres which definitely pointed to a gradual drift on the part of the masses towards violence under the instigation of the non-Congress elements, a categorical denunciation of the factors responsible for sporadic outbursts is felt by the Congress High Command to be absolutely necessary.

Although the abovementioned issues would receive priority of discussion at the hands of the Working Committee, yet the issue relating to the attitude which the Congress should adopt towards the British Cabinet Mission, would it is definitely learnt, overshadow all other questions.

Besides these two major items, there would be the problem of the impending food crisis and also stock-taking of the results of the general elections so far held in different provinces.

NEGOTIATIONS ONLY ON BASIS OF FREEDOM

The political correspondent of the A.P.I. adds:

The selection of the Congress delegation to meet and negotiate with the British Cabinet Mission, the procedure to be adopted by the Congress in the matter of negotiations, the points on which the Congress should lay stress in the forthcoming negotiations and the extent to which the Congress is prepared to go to meet the British offer,—these together with a review of the political situation in the ciuntry since the last meeting of the Working Committee three months ago at Calcutta, will form the focal points of discussion for the three-day session of the Congress Working Committee which meets tomorrow at 2 p. m. at Birla House.

Congress circles emphasise that the fundamental basis of all negotiations with the British Mission will be the independence of India. Consistent with the basic demand of independence, the Congress, it is pointed out, will do everything in its power for an amicable settlement of the Indian problem. The members of the Congress Working Committee will be instructed to stand by to meet at Delhi at short notice to consider any development hat might arise during the negotiations.

Mahatma Gandhi is expected to shift his headquarters to Delhi during the period of negotiations to be readily available for advice and guidance, not only to the Congress, but also to the representatives of the British Government and other parties.

LAST CHANCE TO BRITAIN

The Congress President told me tonight that certain elements inside and outside the Congress were trying to force a movement on the Congress before the arrival of the British delegation. What had happened in Calcutta, Bombay, Madras, Delhi and Lahore were the direct result of such efforts, but he wished to make it clear that the Congress was determined to resist this attempt and was prepared to take action agains those who acted against the Congress policy and programme. He had, therefore, instructed the Delhi Congress Committee to take disciplinary action against such Congressmen as had acted contrary to the present policy and programme of the Congress.

The Congress knew how and when to fight for the country's freedom. At present the Congress had decided to fight the elections on the issue of immediate transference of power to India and on the basis of independenc. The British Government had made certain declarations and the Congress wanted to give a chance to the British Government, perhaps the last chance, to try and settle the Indian problem amicably.

The Working Committee is also expected to issue an "Instrument of Istructions" to the Congress ministries on the question of the food situation. Eliminating corruption and inefficiency in the administration and raising the standard of life of the people.

LONDON, March 11 (Reuter): Dr. Wilhelm Furtwaengler, former conductor of the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra, returned to Berlin yesterday, stated Berlin radio.

"CHURCHILL PLAYS OLD TUNE ON NEW FIDDLE"

Ex-British Premier Instigates War Against Soviets, Says "Pravda"

LONDON, March 11 (Reuter): Under the title "Churchill Waves The Gun" 'The Pravda' published today a long commentary quoted by the Moscow radio in Russian on Mr. Winston Churchill's speech at Fulton, Missouri.

"While the war was in progress, while mortal danger was threatening Britain and Europe, Mr. Churchill, not once, but many times pointed out the outstanding role of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. Then he pretended to be a friend of the Soviet people and swore on the faithfulness of Soviet-British friendship as on the Anglo-Soviet-American Coalition.

But the danger passed, mortal Hitlerite danger which hung over Europe and Britain disappeared—and Churchill again became himself.

CHURCHILL INSTIGATES WAR AGAINST SOVIET

"When he utters poisonous and hate-filled words about expansionist tendencies of the Soviet Union, about the iron curtain which has descended on the Continent, about shadow from the East which has fallen on fields so recently lit up by Allied victory —what is Mr. Churchill driving at?

"He is trying as of old to frighten the entire world with horror of Soviet expansion constituting a danger to 'authentic' democracy in the West?

"As after the first world war, just as now after the second world war, Mr. Churchill presents himself as the saviour of Europe from Communism.

"In attempting to convey an idea of the inevitability of a new war, he is instigating such a war, and to be precise, against the Soviet Union."

Remarking that in effect Mr. Churchill calls for an Anglo-American alliance, the 'Pravda' says: "A military alliance of two partners of the coalition against the third partner signifies liquidation of the coalition of the Three Big Powers. Thus, at one sweep, Mr. Churchill strikes out all he was preaching during the war.

What does Mr. Churchill's proposal boil down to?—To create Anglo-American domination over the whole world, to liquidate the coalition of the Three Powers and the organisation of the United Nations, to make power politics the ruling factor in world events.

To complete the picture, there lacks only the formula of a 'cordon sanitaire' against the U.S.S.R.

Mr. Churchill understands that alone he has not the means to put into effect plans born in his stormy imagination and he feverishly clutches at every straw in the hope that an Anglo-American military alliance will allow the British Empire to continue—even if only in the role of a junior partner—the policy of imperial expansion.

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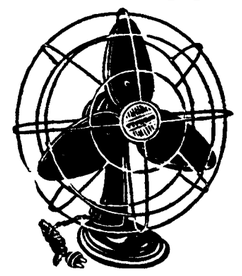

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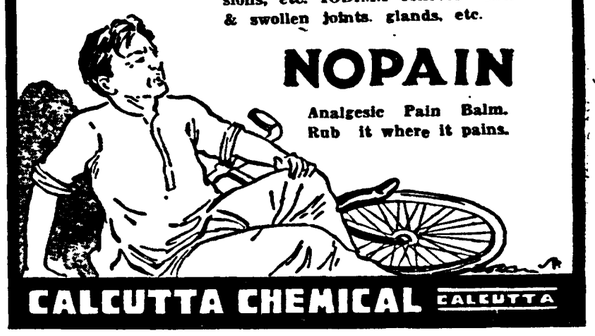

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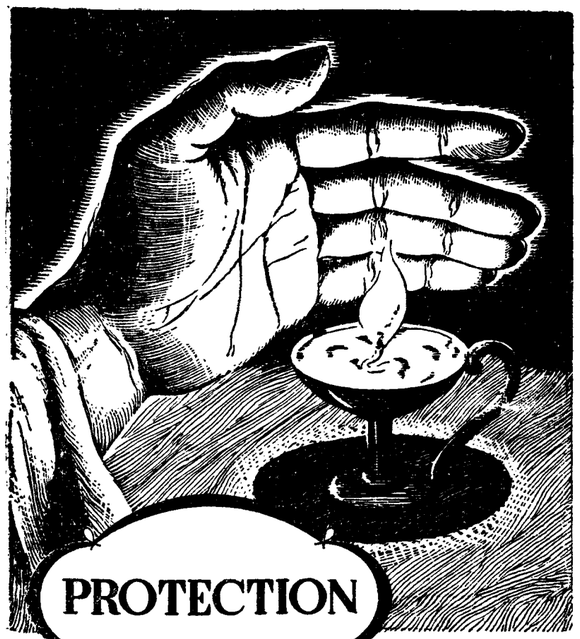

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Today's Engagements

DASTUR BODE'S LECTURE: At Petit Fasali Atashkadeh at 6-30 p.m. to-day (Tuesday). Dastur Bode will lead Farvardegan Hambandagi and then deliver a lecture on "The importance of Farvadegan."

APPEAL TO DESH SEVIKAS:—There will be prayer meetings every evening at Rungta House, Nepean Sea Road, where Mahatma Gandhi is putting up. Desh Sevikas and Kumarikas are requested to present themselves at the Congress House at 4-30 p.m. daily.

ALL-INDIA TEXTILE CONFERENCE: The third All-India Textile Conference and exhibition will be held on March 17, 18 and 19 at the Victoria Jubilee Technical Institute, Matunga.

BOMBAY SECONDARY TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION: The following resolution was passed by the Association: "This meeting of the members of the Executive Committee of the B. S. T. Association and the Local Secretaries of Schools in the city and suburbs of Bombay, sympathises with the stand taken up by the Primary teachers of the Bombay Presidency, wholeheartedly supports the justice of their cause and urges upon the authorities and the institutions which are in a position to redress the grievances of the miserably paid Primary teachers, to take the necessary steps to do so immediately."

VATVIKAR CHARITABLE DISPENSARY: In the month of February 1946 the dispensary had treated 307 patients of different types of Vatvikar diseases. Those in need should see the consultant of the Charitable Dispensary at the office of the Chikitsa Mandir, Sadashiv Street off Vithalbhai Patel Road from 4 to 6 p.m.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE NEWS

BOMBAY, Monday.

The Governor of Bombay granted an interview to Mrs. Bapsey Sabavala.

His Excellency visited some polling booths in the City to see the arrangements made.

Major-General A. H. J. Snelling arrived at Government House.

The Hon. the Chief Justice of Bombay and Sir Francis Low dined at Government House.

LAST OF 4TH INDIAN DIVISION TROOPS BACK HOME

KARACHI, March 11: Bringing back to India the last contingent of the 4th Indian Division, the "Strathaird" has arrived at Karachi where she received a great welcome at the quayside.

NATIONALIST MUSLIM CENTRE: The public meeting, which was to be addressed by Hafiz Ali Bahadur Khan at Y.M.C.A. Maidan, Club Back Road, Byculla, on Monday night (March 11) was postponed on account of Police ban. The meeting, therefore, will be held to-day (Tuesday) at the same place at 9 p.m.

Famine In Bellary And Anantpur Districts

MADRAS, March 11

Owing to insufficient rain and the consequent failure of crops on a large scale, parts of Bellary and Anantapur districts are threatened by famine.

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ENTERTAINMENT OF GUESTS

New Order Limits It To Twenty-four

With effect from March 17, people in Bombay City and the Suburban District are prohibited from entertaining more than 24 persons at any function.

POSSESSIONS OF GRAINS

Under the Essential Articles (Restricted Acquisition and Possession) Order a license is required to be taken for the possession of any quantity of rationed food grains, that is rice, wheat, bajri, jowar or barley in excess of the normal quantity admissible to any person under the Order. In Bombay City and its suburban rationed area, the normal quantity was fixed at 2_1/8 paylees against every food grain unit on a ration document issued to any person or established. This was equivalent to four weeks' ration available on one unit. In view of the recent reduction in the quantom of ration the normal quantity of any rationed food grain which a person can possess without a license has been proportionately reduced to 1.9/16 paylee per unit.

Any person possessing in the said area stock of any rationed food grain in excess of the normal quantity on or after March 17, 1946 should apply to the Ward Rationing Officer for necessary license against cancelation of the coupons on his ration document and should not draw rations of that food grain till the quantity in his possession is reduced below the normal quantity. A Press Note issued by the Supply Commissioner, Bombay, says that the necessary notification is published in the "Bombay Government Gazette Extraordinary of March 9.

J. J. HOSPITAL CENTENARY

Appeal To Educational Institutions

Dr. J. C. Patel, General Secretary, J. J. Hospital and Grant Medical College Centenary Celebration has issued the following appeal to educational institutions:—

"I have been communicating to you since the inception of our formation of the Executive Council, Centenary Celebrations, J. J. Hospital and the Grant Medical College, as regards announcement of "Hospital Day" on 16th and 17th instant and "Rag Day" on the 22nd and 23rd instant.

In view of the historic significance and meritorious services rendered by these institutions in the matter of relief of human sufferings and medical education, the Council has decided to stage a Centenary Celebration Procession on Friday 15th instant, which will pass through a planned route in Bombay, for three hours. The Council will be very grateful if you will kindly lend your support by sending about hundred or more students, preferably in the uniform of your institution, with symbolic representation of your own (flags etc.) to join the procession at 8 a. m. to 8-30 a. m. on Friday, the 15th instant. The procession will begin at 9 a. m. sharp from the J. J. Hospital and end at Flora Fountain at about 11-30 a. m. to 12 noon. Again I request you to take a leading part in our activity, as you know well that the hospitals have served for 100 years, one and all uniformly and it is but natural that every one in the city shall rejoice on the occasion of their celebrations. Please send your batch with symbolic representation of your own institution.

Please let us know the strength you will manage to send in the early morning of 15th instant, at 8 a. m. at J. J. Hospital, to join the procession.

STUDENTS CHALLENGE CITY FATHERS ON CORPORATION RESOLUTION

The General Secretary, All-India Students' Congress writes:—

In newspapers appear the resolution passed by the Bombay Corporation condemning the Military Authorities for excessive and indiscriminate firings. It is regrettable that this resolution makes a serious and baseless allegation against the Students of Bombay alleging that they took part in the looting and arson that took place in the City. I do not know on what authority and with what information the City Fathers have made this allegation, for I know most of the City Fathers were not to be seen on the streets during those tragic days. I strongly repudiate this insinuation, and demand that if the City Fathers have any positive proof it should be made public.

I regret that even the Members of the Congress Municipal Party allowed this slur against entire student community of Bombay in that resolution. The Bombay Provincial Students' Congress should record an official and formal protest against this allegation.

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his public prayer at Shivaji Park, Dadar, on Thursday, March 14 at 6-30 p.m. on the strict condition that those who attend the prayer observe perfect peace and discipline. The B.P.C.C. has accepted the condition and assured Gandhiji of a peaceful and disciplined behaviour on the part of the gathering. Gandhiji has also been requested to address a few words to the gathering after the prayer is over.

Adequate loudspeaking arrangements will be made and a large special enclosure will be reserved for ladies.

Congress volunteers and Sevikas and also other volunteers are required to be present at Shivaji Park at 3 p. m. sharp.

The B.P.C.C. is making perfect arrangements to enable a vast gathering of people to take part peacefully in the prayer.

LEADERS IN CITY

BOMBAY, Monday.

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, Congress President arrived in Bombay today by air from Delhi. Mr. Asaf Ali and Pandit Govind Vallabh Pant, members of the Congress Working Committee, accompanied Maulana Azad. They were received at the Juhu aerodrome by Mr. Nagindas T. Master President of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee and Mr. S. K. Patil, Secretary.

Pandit Jawaharlal leaves Calcutta by the Bombay Mail this afternoon for Bombay to attend the meeting of the Congress Working Committee.

"To Blame Goondas For Riots Is Moral Alibi"

Gandhiji On City Disturbances: Says Attack On English Is Challenge To Non-Violence

A SCATHING DENUNCIATION OF THE RECENT HAPPENINGS IN BOMBAY AND THE CONDUCT OF THOSE WHO HAD REMAINED PASSIVE WITNESSESOF THE SAME CONSTITUTED THE CORE OF GANDHIJI'S ADDRESS AFTER THE EVENING PRAYER GATHERING AT RUNGTA HOUSE TODAY.

The news of those events, said Gandhiji had filled him with shame and humiliation and he hoped that they too must have felt likewise. He hoped that none of those who attended the prayer had taken part in these disgraceful happenings. But that alone would not entitle them to congratulate themselves. They had reached a stage when no one could afford to sit on the fence or take refuge in the ambiguous middle. One had to speak out one's convictions and stand up for them. Inaction at a time of conflagration was inexcusable. That might appear to them to be a different ideal to follow, but that was the only course that would take them through the present difficult times.

It had become the fashion these days, continued Gandhiji, to ascribe all such ugly manifestations to the activities of hooligans. He deprecated the habit of taking refuge in that kind of moral alibi. Who were the hooligans after all. They were their own countrymen and so long as any countryman of theirs indulge in such acts they could not disown responsibility for it consistently with their claim of being one people and one nation. It mattered little whether those who were responsible for the happenings were denounced as Goondas or praised as patriots. Praise and blame equally belonged to them. The only manly and becoming course for those who were aspiring to be free was to accept either.

PRACTICE AND PRECEPT

Mankind was at the cross roads, remarked Gandhiji. It had to make its choice between the law of the jungle and the law of humanity. They in India had deliberately adopted the latter 25 years ago but he was afraid that whilst they professed to follow the higher way their practice had not always conformed to their profession. He had always proclaimed from the housetops that non-violence was the way of the brave but there were some people who had brought 'ahimsa' into disrupte by using it as weapon of the weak. In his opinion, to remain passive spectators of the kind of crimes that Bombay had witnessed of late was cowardice. He would say in all humility that 'ahimsa' belonged to the brave Pritam had sung. "The way of the Lord is for the Brave, not for the Coward !. By the way of the Lord was meant the way of non-violence and truth. He did not envisage God other than truth and non-violence. If they had accepted the doctrine of 'ahimsa' without a full realisation of its implications they were at liberty to repudiate it. He himself believed in confessing one's mistake and correcting them.

Such confession strengthened one and purified one's soul. 'Ahimsa' called for the strength and courage to suffer without retaliation, to receive blows without returning any. But that did not exhaust its meaning. "Silence becomes cowardice when occasion demands speaking out the whole truth and acting accordingly." They had, remarked Gandhiji, to cultivate that courage if they were to win their independence through truth and non-violence as proclaimed by the Congress. It was an ideal worth living for and dying for. Every one of them who accepted that ideal should feel that inasmuch as a single English woman or child was assaulted it was a challenge to his creed of non-violence and he should protect the latter even at the cost of his life. Then alone would they have the right to sing "The way of the Lord is for the Brave, not for the Coward." To attack defenceless English women and children because one had a grievance against the present Government hardly became a human being.

CABINET MISSION

Referring next to the forthcoming visit of the Cabinet Minister's Delegation he said that to suspect their 'bona fides' in advance also was a variety of weakness. As brave people it was their duty to take at its face value the declaration of the British Ministers that they were coming to restore to India what was her due. "If a debtor came to your house in contrition to repay his debt, would it not be your duty to welcome him? On the other hand would it not be unmanly to treat him with insult and humiliation in remembrance of past injustice?"

Let the British Government prove for the final time, concluded Gandhiji, that they had not meant to act according to their professions. It will be time to act if they did so. Till then the only manly course was to maintain dignified silence.

GANDHIJI ARRIVES IN CITY

BOMBAY, Monday.

Mahatma Gandhi and party arrived by Deccan Queen today. He was received at a wayside level crossing by Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Nagindas T. Master, S. K. Patil and other Congress leaders.

Mahatma Gandhi drove to Birla House where he will stay during the meeting of the Congress Working Committee which commences at Birla House tomorrow morning.

Mahatma Gandhi was accompanied by Rajkumari Amrit Kaur, Mr. Pyarelal, Miss Agatha Harrison, Mr. Kanu Gandhi and Dr. Dinshaw Mehta.

Mahatma Gandhi, who was having his usual Monday silence, greeted Sardar Patel and others with a hearty smile. He had a very peaceful journey and there were no demonstrations on the way. Other members of Gandhiji's party got down at Victoria Terminus.

Mahatma Gandhi declined to sign autographs after the prayer as is his usual custom. He said that he would oblige the gathering the next day.

Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Mr. Asaf Ali, Mr. J. B. Kripalani, Mr. K. M. Munshi, Mr. Mangaldas Pakvasa and Mr. M. Y. Nurie saw Gandhiji at Birla House today.

"Declare India Free Now"

Pattabhi On Cabinet Mission's First Step

BOMBAY, March 11 (A.P.A.): probability that the powerful 15-member Working Committee of the Congress will insist upon an immediate declaration of independence for India in the dealings with the forthcoming British Cabinet mission was forecast today by one of the Committee's influential members.

Once the statement is made that India is free, said Dr Pattabhi Sitaramayya, "and if the English people are able to impress the Indian people first with their earnestness and sincerity there will be no difficulty."

Dr. Pattabhi also said the Congress would oppose division of India but "will consider any rearrangement of territories into provinces." Previous conversations have indicated, however, that such a concession would not be satisfactory to Mr. Jinnah.

The Cabinet mission must "begin where Cripps ended not where Cripps began", he said referring to the unsuccessful negotiations with Sir Stafford Cripps in 1942. "It is a question now of fulfilment", he said

PRAYERS AT SHIVAJI PARK ON THURSDAY

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A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

It is a pretty crazy life when one eats in order to work and does not work in order to eat. We need a certain kindness and generosity to ourselves before we learn kindness and generosity to others..

—Lin Yutang

The Bombay Chronicle

GIVE INDIA A CHANCE

It is not surprising to learn that the latest interview between the Congress President and the Viceroy was mostly in connection with the food problem and the political situation in the country. The two problems are so closely connected that they can and must be solved together and immediately. It is impossible to ensure adequate supply of food all over the country unless there is at the centre a popular Government that enjoys the confidence of the people. And the inauguration of such a Government can no longer be delayed. In a few days more the provincial elections will have all been over, and the Cabinet Mission will have arrived in India. Immediately thereafter a popular Central Government will have to be formed, enjoying, on the one hand, the confidence of the Central Legislature and on the other the full co-operation of the Provincial Governments. Here, as in other things, there should be no room for any deadlock.

One of the first major tasks of the new Government will be to convene, in consultation with the Cabinet Mission, a Constituent Assembly. What is to be the procedure about that? We are told by the United Press of India that the British Cabinet has, after prolonged deliberations, finally decided on the general lines to be followed by the mission and that, whatever procedure may have to be adopted in the light of talks here, there will be no room for any indefinite deadlock. Prof. Harold Laski, Chairman of the British Labour Party, is also reported by this press agency to have said that "this time the mission is going to settle the Indian question once and for all." If that is the case, it is certainly good so far as it goes, but much depends on how the question is decided. It is obvious that every attempt must first be made to ensure party agreement, specially with regard to the procedure about convening the Constituent Assembly, without prejudice to the claims of any important section of the country. For instance, there ought to be one Constituent Assembly in the first instance to consider various outline plans for an Indian Federation or Confederation, including Pakistan in all its current forms. If there is sufficient agreement at the Assembly about an all-India Union, well and good. If not, Congress has already given an assurance that a province deciding not to join the Union will not be coerced, a position which has been regarded by some as 95 per cent of Pakistan. And the League will be free to accept the Congress offer or suggest a definite alternative. But there is no sensible reason why the League should not participate in the all-India Constituent Assembly. Sardar Vallabhbhai wants India to give Britain a chance to quit peacefully. In the same way an all-India Constituent Assembly ought to be given, in the first instance, a fair chance of considering and deciding upon an all-India Union. It would be a crime to allow such a chance to be sabotaged either by Britain or any section of India.

In his convocation address to the Calcutta University Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru reiterated the Congress view that the Independence sought by the country is not isolation and that India wants contact with other countries. Once Britain sheds her imperialism her relations with India are bound to be far better than they have ever been. If in the ensuing negotiations Britain scrupulously acts as the friend of India that she wishes to be hereafter, there is every chance of an all-round settlement to be effected. In face of malicious misrepresentation Congress leaders are striving their utmost to prepare a friendly atmosphere for the Cabinet Mission's negotiations. It will be well for all if Britain responds as cordially to these attempts.

"Sikhistan"

Mr. M. A. Jinnah sowed the seed of religious nationalism. He decided that safety for Muslims could best be guaranteed if they became a "nation" and were given a sovereign state or states of "Pakistan" to rule over free from the tyranny of the majority. The seed has proved ironically fruitful. There has grown up now out of Mr. Jinnah's efforts a demand for Sikhistan. The Shiromani Gurdwara Parabandhak Committee has at its annual general meeting unanimously adopted a resolution—ironically enough, again the meeting having apparently been held in Lahore, it too, is a "Lahore Resolution"—declaring that the Sikhs are a separate nation and that their religion, culture and so on imperatively demand the establishment of a sovereign Sikh State. And, of course, a sovereign Sikh State can only be carved out of Pakistan, which is to be carved out of India. Sikhistan is no more desirable and sensible than Pakistan. But it is the direct off-shoot of Pakistan. Mr. Jinnah sowed with admirable complacency. Now will he reap the crop? If not, what is he going to do?

Frankly Speaking

Scandalous

It is reported by Reuter that, while the Government of India has placed an order in the U.S.A. for 500 crawler tractors for urgent grow-more-food operations here, a condition of purchase is that the accessories for use in conjunction with the tractors should be manufactured in Britain. The order was placed in America because such tractors could not be made in Britain. But why were not the accessories included in the order when, we are told, they were readily available in America? It is clear that the Government of India wanted to give some business to Britain. But what has been the result of the favouritism? Britain can neither immediately supply the accessories nor manufacture them before September next, not to mention the time that must elapse before they can reach India.

Dog In The Manger Policy

It is admitted that "if the accessories had been brought from the United States, the extra cost would have been very small and the tractors would have been able to get on with the job of preparing vast tracts of India for food production instead of standing idle." This is a sorry state of things, indeed. But cannot the accessories be ordered from the U.S.A. even now? We are told that "the British view was that only those articles which could not be manufactured in Britain would receive sanction for purchase abroad." Is that the view of the British Government still when India is faced with an imminent famine? If so, it is a grave scandal. It is a positive dog in the manger policy for Britain neither to supply the accessories at once nor permit their purchase abroad. The Assembly must take up this matter at once.

Turkey And Russia

When the Soviet Press started a campaign against Turkish "reactionaries" and later, along with some Georgian Professors, suddenly remembered the districts of Kars and Ardahan, every one knew what was at the back of it all. Mr. James Byrnes, the U. S. Secretary of State, has only further confirmed it. According to a statement he made the other day Russia had told Turkey that the signing of any treaty of alliance between their two Governments was conditional on a "discussion" of the questions of the Turkish provinces of Kars and Ardahan and the Dardanelles. That was long ago. And since the Turks were not prepared for "discussion" in the sense suggested by the Russians, there was started that campaign against Turkey which still continues. It is a peculiarly deplorable nerve war because it is based on sheer injustice and designed for an objective which is indefensible. The Turks have not given in to their mighty opponent and do not show any signs of giving in. The question is: Where will it end?

The Old Game

If Reuter's report is correct, the joint military staff talks in Paris on the subject of British and French evacuation of the Levant have not yet borne more than half a fruit. Military forces of both the countries are to be withdrawn from Syria by the end of next month. But what about the Lebanon which has, in fact, been almost always the issue? The French and their British allies—and rivals—have invariably tried to separate the Lebanon from Syria in matters relating to military evacuation and even independence. The Lebanese have never accepted any special privilege of continued servile relationship with French imperialism. And they have been fully supported by Syrians and by other fellow-Arabs. The French, however, are still at the old game. For, it is reported, that while Britain wants three months to evacuate the Lebanon, the French ask for a whole year. This is imperialist procrastination of a very common and unoriginal type. The painfully surprising thing is that the France of Socialist Felix Gouin and Communist Maurice Thorez should be attempting to indulge in it. But their imperialism, too, will fail. The Lebanese are not going to tolerate it.

Iran And Elections

On March 12, the people of Iran were to go to polls to elect a new Majlis. This arrangement was, quite rightly, conditional upon prior evacuation of the territories of Iran by all foreign troops. Unfortunately, and for no fault of Iran, this condition has not been fulfilled. Russian troops are still in occupation of Northern Iran although the 1942 undertaking to leave was solemn and without any reservation of any kind whatsoever. This has added to the confusion. The Tudeh Party has been trying to defeat any effort to prolong the life of the Majlis. Nothing is known about the final outcome. But if the present Majlis ceases to-day, what happens next? An election in the present circumstances can obviously not be free or democratic. And it will really be illegal. The other alternative is rule by a Cabinet without a Parliament "pending", to quote a new classic phrase, "clarification of the situation." That, too, would be undesirable and rather dangerous. The interests of Iran require an immediate free election which can only be held when the Russians have gone.

70 CARGO BOATS REDUCED TO ASHES

CALCUTTA, March 11 (U.P.I.): Seventy newly built huge cargo boats belonging to the Civil Supplies Department were burnt to ashes day-before yesterday while lying in anchor in the Padma near Rajshahi District Headquarters in North Bengal. Loss is estimated at Rs. 7 lakhs. Some persons received minor injuries while two persons are reported to be missing.

NEW YORK-BOMBAY IN 40-HOUR FLIGHT

American Air Line's Negotiations With Govt. Of India

BOMBAY, March 11 (API): It is learnt that negotiations are at present in progress between the Governments of the United States and India regarding certain facilities to the Trans-Continental Western Air Corporation to operate their services to India and the East under the U. S. A. Army Air Transport Command.

Mr. John Nesbitt, Special Assistant to the Chairman of the Board of the T. W. A. Corporation, said the Corporation will employ Lockheed "Constellation" planes between New York and Bombay in the services. Mr. Nesbitt claimed that the Constellation" could carry 45 passengers with baggage and keep to the schedule of 40 flying hours between Bombay and New York.

League Threatens Legal Action Against Syed

KARACHI, March 11 (A.P.I.): A meeting of the Reorganisation Committee appointed by Nawabzada Liaquat Ali Khan, Chairman of the Central Muslim League Parliamentary Board held to-day under the chairmanship of Mr. M. H. Gazdar, M.L.A., decided to institute legal proceedings against Mr. G. M. Syed for the recovery of the Muslim League Election Fund amounting to about Rs. 22,000 and other amounts spent by him on "unnecessary items" during the last year. Proceedings will also be launched against some of Mr. Syed's supporters for the recovery of the membership fees which have not been paid by them as yet.

The Committee passed a resolution criticising the Governor of the Punjab for not calling upon the Muslim League Party to form the Ministry.

CONGRESS PARTY TO SUPPORT FINANCE BILL?

Reduction In Salt Tax And Postal Rates As Condition Precedent: Cut Motion To Discuss Corruption And Bribery

(From Our Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, March 11: Lobby circles envisage the Congress Party in the Central Assembly considering the Finance Bill on its merits. The constitutional issue, it is claimed, is no longer a live issue as far as the Assembly is concerned in view of the forthcoming visit of the Cabinet Delegation to India. Further, the Finance Member has offered to give taxation relief to the poorer classes through reductions in certain indirect taxes. This relief could only be secured by consideration of the Finance Bill in the Committee stage.

Maulana Azad who is now in Delhi is believed to have expressed similar views on this subject. The Congress Party 'inter alia', it is learned, will demand a reduction of five annas per maund in Salt Tax, reduction in postal rates, particularly the restoration of the old postcard rates and in duty on matches.

In reply to the Finance Member's slogan—"You pass my Finance Bill and I will give relief in indirect taxes"—the Congress is expected to declare: "We will pass your Finance Bill provided you reduce taxes as we desire" in the course of the Committee stage of the Finance Bill. Contrary to earlier anticipations, the Congress Party therefore is likely to pass the Finance Bill provided the Finance Member pays up and agrees to tax reduction demanded by it.

The Congress Party also decided to move a cut motion against the Executive Council demand to discuss corruption and bribery, administration in centrally administered areas and the planning policy of the Government of India.

LINE CLEAR FOR CONGRESS

SHILLONG, March 11 (API): The Muslim League Party in the Assam Legislative Assembly at its meeting to-day decided not to set up a candidate to contest the election for Speakership when the new Assembly meets to-morrow. As a result of this decision the Congress nominee, Mr. Debeswar Sarma, will be elected without opposition.

At a meeting of the Muslim League Party in the Assam Legislative Assembly, Sir Mahammad Saadulla was unanimously elected its leader.

JINNAH'S SCHEME OF PAKISTAN REVERSE OF SELF-DETERMINATION

Envisages Compulsion To Large Areas In Punjab And Bengal, Says Jawahar

CALCUTTA, March 11 (API): The difference between the Congress idea of self-determination and Pakistan was explained by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru in an interview with a representative of the 'Associated Press of India' on the eve of his departure for Bombay this afternoon.

The interview was on a recent statement of Mr. Harold Laski, the British Labour leader, that Pandit Nehru had accepted 95 per cent of Pakistan.

Pandit Nehru said: What I said was that Congress proposals as contained in recent resolutions and in particular in the election manifesto were such as to give 95 per cent self-determination to the constituent units in the Federation. We have said that we want willing partners in the Federation and that the least of common subjects for such units would be the very minimum such as Defence, Foreign Affairs, etc. There would be a list of common subjects which constituent units might or might not accept as they wish. This gives the fullest freedom subject only to the vital question of defence and allied subjects which cannot be ignored in any context even in the context of adjoining independent states. Weak defence means instability, insecurity and reliance on external powers. This is not freedom for India or any part of it. Congress has gone to the furthest limit to give self-determination and a real sensation of freedom to the constituent units of the proposed Indian federation. Further, it is said that it does not wish to compel any part against its will, provided always that no compulsion is exercised on others against their will.

REVERSE OF SELF-DETERMINATION

Mr. Jinnah's scheme of Pakistan, apart from its other features, is the very reverse of Self-Determination because it envisages compulsion to large areas in the Punjab, In Bengal, in Assam, in Delhi not to mention the whole of N.W.F.P.

The Congress proposal involves absence of all compulsion. It gives the greatest freedom to provinces or units of the Federation and yet preserve unity in Defence and allied subjects like Foreign Affairs, Communication, Currency, etc. For the rest, units can choose whether they will have common subjects or not. This I say gives 95 per cent of self-determination and freedom to the units as well as a joint working of the remaining five per cent.

Asked about the withdrawal of British and Indian troops from Indonesia, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru told the 'Associated Press of India' that the only comment he had to make was that the troops should have been withdrawn long ago.

VISIT TO MUSEUM OF INDIAN ART

Accompanied by Dr. B. C. Roy, Pandit Nehru to-day visited the Ashutosh Museum of Indian Art, of the Calcutta University, and spent there half an hour.

At the end of the visit, Pandit Nehru recorded in the Visitors' Book that museums fascinated him and this new and little museum had filled him with delight. 'These relics of the past take one back to ages long ago and then one comes back to the present and wants to recover the artistry of that past age" he wrote.

FREEDOM FIRST

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, addressing the Second Unit of the Indian National Ambulance Corps here today, emphasised the need for combining in every national activity the latest technique and scientific knowledge the world could give them with the spirit of service of India. He said they had a tremendous object in front of them, the object of uplifting the 400 million people of India. It was no small job but he would like to see the beginning of that work. For every work, Pandit Nehru added, they required proper training. They could not do anything with enthusiasm alone. He hoped that they would do something really big for the development of India.

In a message to the students of the Carmichael Medical College, Pandit Nehru said that a search for Truth could not take place without an atmosphere of freedom. There was no Truth where there was no freedom. It was therefore their duty to free themselves in order to release the mass energy of the millions and to go ahead to build a country in a larger sense.

MESSAGE TO BENGAL

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru in a message to the people of Bengal, says:—

"I hope that all voters in Bengal will vote for Congress candidates in the forthcoming elections for the Provincial Assembly. In this election, Congress represents the freedom and independence of India and all those, who desire this must vote for Congress."

NEHRU LUNCHES WITH BURROWS

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru lunched with His Excellency the Governor of Bengal, Sir Frederick Burrows to-day.

This luncheon invitation, it is understood, followed Pandit Nehru's meeting with the Governor, who is the Chancellor of the Calcutta University, at the Annual Convocation on Saturday last.

Malayan Union Negation Of British Policy

"MAY BE AN USURPATION"

(From Our Correspondent)

PENANG, March 1.

Burning topic of the day and transcending in importance all other matters is the proposed constitutional changes for Malaya which will, as I have previously indicated, divide the country into two parts, Singapore alone forming a separate entity, and the rest of Malaya, including Penang and Malacca, and all the Federated an un-Federated Malay States, the other. Going rapidly ahead with their "proposals", the Colonial Office has appointed the key men for the new posts. Malcolm MacDonald "golden boy" of British politics, British High Commissioner in Canada, has been selected for the post of Governor-General of the Malayan Union and Singapore while Sir Edward Gent (just knighted) has been appointed Governor of the Malayan Union, and Mr. F. C. Gimson, Colonial Secretary of Hongkong, Governor of Singapore.

Important to note is that when the Malayan Union Scheme was first announced by the Colonial Office the term "proposed" was used but now, without any consultations with the people or meetings of the Legislative or Federal Councils which were in existence before the war, the new constitution appears to be a fait accompli, as is evidenced by the appointment of Malcolm MacDonald and others.

Nothing, of course, could have been said, if any changes had been made with regard to Singapore, Penang or Malacca; but the inclusion of the Federated and Un-Federated Malay States presupposed the fact that the Rulers of the various States had signed away their former Treaty rights which, among other things, abolishes the status of the Sultans as supreme authority in things spiritual in his State.

At any rate, that was the first impression created when the Colonial Office announced that Sir Harold MacMichael, who had been sent by the Colonial Office on a tour of Malaya in November last, had negotiated new treaties with the Sultans. On January 22 the British Government stated that.."The Malay Rulers after consultations conducted with friendliness and goodwill had accordingly made fresh agreements...".

For some time nothing was said by the Sultans themselves while the Malay people, it now seems clear, were at a loss to know what to do.

But gradually the silence of mystery was broken and it is now obvious that not all the Sultans had signed the new treaties with that friendliness which had been indicated. It first became known that the Sultan of Perak, premier Sultan in the Federated States, had sent a telegram to the Secretary of State, and next it was hinted that the Sultan of Kedah (Penang's neighbour-State) had signed the new treaty under duress. Then it was reported from Alor Star (Kedah) that 20,000 Malays had assembled there to tell Major-General Hone what they thought of the proposed Malayan Union.

USURPATION & ANNEXATION

Meanwhile cables despatched from Malaya was taking effect in London, resulting in questions in Parliament by former Malayans, and on February 15 the Secretary of State had to answer a number of questions. He said that representations had been received from the Sultans of Perak and Kedah and a few organisations in Malaya, these representations relating in the main to the position of Malay rulers, their control over religious affairs, and admission of non-Malays to Malayan Union citizenship.

"The Sultan of Kedah has also represented that his signature to the new agreement had been obtained under duress but Sir Harold MacMichael assures me that while the Sultan made clear his dislike of the policy of His Majesty's Government he used no form of duress" said Mr. George Hall.

Now, on February 27, the Colonial Office issues a White Paper on Sir Harold's tour of Malaya in which Sir Harold says, inter alia, "In all but two cases, every ruler and responsible councillor was convinced that the new policy was wise and just..".

It certainly looks as if we have not heard the last of Sir Harold's "tour of Malaya" and it is equally clear that neither the Malay people (the inhabitants of the country) or the rest of the people have been given an opportunity to express their opinion on developments which constitute a revolutionary change from the old system of Government.

It seems to many a complete negation of the policy, stressed by the British Government spokesman in the trusteeship discussions at the UNO meetings of having regard to the wishes of the inhabitants affected by any trusteeship arrangements, that the Government should push through these important changes in Malaya without first learning the views of the people who are going to be most affected.

Meanwhile, latest London despatches indicate that former Malayan Governors and Chief Secretaries, as well as former prominent Malayans, as a result of being bombarded by cables of protest from all the Malay rulers are to have a meeting with the Colonial Secretary at the Colonial Office.

A new note has also been struck by Sir George Maxwell, a former popular Chief Secretary of the F. M. S. who, in a letter to the "Times", suggests that as some delegates to the Security Council of the UNO have shown such interests in British policy in other spheres that some delegate may well ask for clarification of British policy in Malaya. Sir George further suggests that the Arab League may well take the view that the proposal does not accord with the principle of Islamic law and that the House of Commons may not have realised that the final decision rests with the Security Council of Nations.

Sir George also suggests that the Malayan Union proposal "may be an usurpation"; the local Malays call it both an usurpation and annexation.

INDIAN LAWYERS

Arrangements for the appearance in Malayan Courts of the panel of five Indian lawyers who arrived in Singapore recently have now been completed and they are expected to make their first appearance shortly in the defence of Indian nationals on collaboration charges.

The panel has been divided into three sections to function independently of each other. Mr. P. N. Sapru and Mr. A. S. Dongre are due in Penang in a few days. They will be responsible for undertaking the defence of Indians in Penang, Province Wellesley, Kedan, Perlis and the northern half of Perak.

Mr. K. F. Nariman will leave for Kuala Lumpur to undertake cases in Selangor, Malacca, Negri Sembilan, the northern half of Perak and the western half of Pahang.

Mr. K. Bhashyam and Mr. R. Venkataraman will remain at Singapore to deal with all cases in Singapore and Johore.

Arrangements are being made in Penang by the local INA Defence and Relief Committee to receive Mr. Sapru and Mr. Dongre on their arrival in Penang and to give them a rousing welcome.

WHEN NEHRU WAS DISILLUSIONED

Archdeacon On "Lack Of Christianity In Britain"

(From Our Correspondent)

LONDON, March 11

On the occasion of the 250th anniversary celebration of the Founder's Day of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, the Archdeacon of Stoke-on-Trent said that Pandit Nehru originally was one of the many foreign students who came to Britain to study Christianity and was appalled by the lack of it in her daily life, and returned to his own land a bitter adversary of the faith he had intended to espouse. The Archdeacon added: "One may deplore the flabbiness of the intentions so easily diverted but it is true that more than fifty per cent of the Indian students who come to this country for the same purpose return equally disillusioned."

The Archdeacon spoke also of the Evangelists who, emulating the spirit of Charles Wesley but lacking his theological knowledge, are unable to fill satisfactorily the gap caused by lack of faith.

The Archbishop of Contertury presided over the function for first time after his elevation to the See of Canterbury.

A.-I.W.C. ENQUIRY INTO W. A. C. I

CALCUTTA, March 11 (U.P.I.): The United Press of India understands that the All-India Women's Conference are investigating into the conditions under which the members of Women's Auxiliary Corps (India) are to work with particular reference to the allegations made in the "Blitz" of Bombay by hundred W.A.C(I)s.

It is understood an Enquiry Committee has been appointed to collect information in this regard.

Favourable Food Decision For India?

WASHINGTON, March 10 (U. P. A.): The Combined Food Board to-day declined to reveal whether additional cuts in the grain allotments for Germany and Japan are contemplated to help meet India's four million ton request beyond saying that former enemy countries "have to take their place at the bottom of the list."

Meanwhile, other informed quarters believed that India had a fair chance of getting a favourable decision next Friday. They also expressed the hope that any additional reductions in allotments would probably fall more heavily on Japan than Germany.

THE LOT OF VICTIMS

These circles pointed out that the Department of Agriculture had last week sent two experts to Tokyo to investigate General Douglas MacArthur's requests for food which have been described in official quarters as "apparently quite excessive." The German allotment on the other hand, has already been reduced far below what the Anglo-American military authorities there sought at the beginning of the year.

The same informants said that there was still no decision on the allotment to Japan, but it would probably be cut considerably below the requested amount if the two experts recommended such an action.

MAHATMA VISITS POONA INDUSTRIAL MUSEUM

Mahatma Gandhi accompanied by inmates of the Nature Cure Clinic paid a visit to the Lord Reay Industrial Museum, Poona, on March 7. Mahatmaji spent nearly an hour at the Museum.

A lecture was arranged for demonstration of the 'Lac Industry.' Mr. N. S. Joshi, Executive Engineer, explained the Irrigation System by means of the 'Lloyd Dam and Nira Canals Model.' Mr. Gharpure, the Curator, explained to Mahatmaji about twenty typical subjects.

Mahatmaji appeared to be very much interested in the educational activity of the Museum. He also visited the Emporium and the Arts and Crafts Museum adjoining the Emporium. Sardar Jagannath Maharaj Pandit was among those who conducted him round the Museum.

U.N.R.R.A. MEETING TO DISCUSS ALLOCATION OF FOOD

WASHINGTON, March 10 (U.P.A.): The Fourth U.N.R.R.A. Council Meeting, which is scheduled to commence on March 15 at Atlantic City, is expected to take up the question of the allocation of food among U. N. R. R. A. claimant countries, many of whom have already been reduced to near starvation rations.

Informed sources, pointing out that U.N.R.R.A. was dependent upon the Combined Food Board for its supplies, said that its efforts for securing more food for the claimants probably would take the form of urging surplus countries to increase their conservation and make available greater amounts for disposal by the Food Board.

Meanwhile, officials of the American Food Board believe that the greatest possibility of easing the food situation lies in the success and results of the Western Hemisphere countries to increase their exports.

In this connection, the U. S., Canada and Argentina are mentioned as key factors.

U.N.R.R.A.'s desire is that Argentina and other Latin American countries should do their utmost to increase their surplus for export since this would increase the quantity of foodstuffs available for disposal by the Food Board, thus making it possible to make a larger allocation.

CIVILIAN GOVERNOR FOR HONGKONG

CHUNGKING, March 10. (Reuter): With the appointment of a civil Governor within three months Hongkong will return to the pre-war civilian status, Major General W. E. Festing, Commander of land forces in Hongkong disclosed at a press conference. He added, for a considerable period of substantial part of the islands administration will be under service personnel.

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT—

LONDON, March 11 (Reuter): Moscow radio last night broadcast a commentary in English and German on what it described as a "noisy anti-Soviet campaign" in Britain and the United States.

"Progressive public opinion in the United States and Britain", said the radio "will not tolerate the activities of conservatives of both countries directed against the Soviet Union."

The commentary added that the campaign had been begun by reactionaries for another reason—"to divert public opinion from some of today's problems."

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The annual general meeting of the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee has resolved that Sikhs are a separate nation and need a sovereign Sikh State. The resolution which was also supported by Communist Sikhs, was passed unanimously.

So far as we are concerned we defer forming any opinion pending (next week, we hope) of the report; that is, the report that the resolution was supported by Sikh Comrades.

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Syed Nur Mohammad Shah, a League M.L.A. in Sind, has refused the sinecure of Parliamentary Secretaryship (Rs. 1,000) to Mr. Khuhro saying ".....the Minister perhaps wants to purchase members. As such I do not want to accept the post."

Along, we hope, with Sir Ghulam Hussain, Mr. Khuhro and Sir Francis Mudie, we fervently pray that the League M.L.A. stops there.

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His Highness the Aga Khan is, we learn, leading a deputation to the Viceroy on the subject of the grievances of Indians in South Africa.

Which is O.K. But when we glanced at the list of the deputationists, we could scarcely believe our eyes or the list.

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The Communist Vice-President of the French Government, M. Maurice Thorez, announces that the Soviet Government has agreed to supply France with about a million tons of cereals.

What about us starving Indians, please Comrade Stalin?

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"FOLLOW VICEROY'S NOBLE EXAMPLE"

Mayor's Plea At City Flower Show
—Headlines.

Certainly. But how do we proceed to become Viceroy first?

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Mr. Churchill, speaking to prominent American military officials praised the "effective unity" of Anglo-American staff work as most useful "whenever the circumstances require it" but adding "I cannot think they will do so in our life time."

In which case long, long live Churchill! Amen.

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It is reported that Soviet troops started their withdrawal from Mukden without giving sufficient notice to the Central Government authorities.

The explanation is, however, simple. If they stayed after mid-February without notice, it was only a grateful act to leave without notice.

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General Chou En-Lai, the Chinese Communist leader, says that the reported evacuation of Mukden "could be interpreted as the beginning of the Red Army withdrawal from Manchuria, but there was not yet enough information to know definitely."

We unreservedly believe General Chou.

Crowd Wants Wheat To Stay

Punjab Officer's Attempt To Freeze Stock Foiled

GUJARAT (Punjab), March 11 (A. P. I.): An attempt by the officials of the Supply Department to remove the frozen stocks of wheat from Mandi Bahaduddin, an important wheat market, was foiled by a big crowd of 2,000 which collected in the market and placed all sorts of obstacles.

It is reported that Mr. Faiz Ali, Civil Supplies officer, went to the Mandi with 20 military trucks to remove the frozen stocks of wheat from the market. The labourers refused to load the bags. A big crowd got collected and some of them are reported to have torn the gunny bags while others damaged the military trucks and the Civil Supplies officer's car. The officer had to return with empty trucks.

The matter was reported to the Police who arrested five persons including Lala Parmanand, President of the Municipal Committee, Mandi Bahaduddin.

They were later produced before a Magistrate who released Lala Parmanand on bail and sent the others to the judicial lock-up.

SOVIET TROOPS IN MANCHURIA

"Red Fleet" Story Completely Untrue

CHUNGKING, March 11 (A.P.A.): A Chinese spokesman denied today a Russian press report that China asked Moscow to postpone the withdrawal of Soviet troops from Manchuria.

The Chinese Minister of Information, K. C. Wu, said that the statement in the Moscow official naval newspaper "Red Fleet" asserting that the Chinese Government had asked for such a postponement "is completely untrue."

Wu said it had been agreed on December 30, last year, that Red Army troops would complete their withdrawal by February 1.

CONGRESS BID FOR ABSOLUTE MAJORITY

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nade, both men and women went to the common booth at the Esplanade Maidan. Voting was somewhat brisk but there was not much queueing.

In the 'A' Ward there were not many cars in evidence and most voters were seen trudging it up.

Polling in the 'A' Ward was extremely slack in the afternoon, and by the close of the day hardly 25 per cent of the total number of voters had exercised their franchise. At the Cooperage out of a total of about 13,000 only 2,500 had come to vote. At the University Convocation Hall only 700 women out of 3,000 on the roll had cast their votes. The same sad story was repeated in the polling booth at Esplanade Maidan, where, in the course of the whole day only 4,000 voters out of a total of over 16,000 had turned up to exercise their voting right.

The slackness of voting in this part of the city might be attributed to the lack of conveyance facilities. The trams and buses were choked to capacity and at many places people were found waiting anxiously for some form of conveyance or other to reach their respective polling booths.

Capt. Pyarsingh, a military officer came to Bombay from far away Ceylon to vote for the Congress.

IN 'B' WARD

The 24,019 voters of 'B' Ward were distributed to two polling booths, both common to men and women. Residents of Mandvi and Chakla area went to booth at the Municipal Gardens at Chinchbunder while those of Umarkhadi and Dongri had a booth provided for them in the compound of the Dongri Municipal School. About 1,500 voted in each of the two booths by 1 p.m. Polling was generally quiet and dull.

In the afternoon, however, the Chinchbunder booth picked up and as many as 6,000 people are estimated to have cast their votes as against only 3,000 who turned up at the Dongri booth.

BRISK POLLING IN 'C' WARD

Booths in the 'C' Ward generally registered brisk polling, especially after 10 a.m. This Ward has a voting strength of 74,524. These had four different booths provided for them. Residents of Khara Talao and Kumbharwadi went to poll at the Northbrook Gardens and those of the Bhuleshwar area at a booth on the Esplanade Maidan, Cruikshank Road. Residents of Dhobi Talao and Fanaswadi went to a booth at the southern side of the I.T.F. Maidan, Mahatma Gandhi Road. Voting for men and women was common except for the Bhuleshwar area which had a special booth for them at the St. Xavier's High School. Queues were the order of the day except at the Xavier's High School. Even so 500 women are learnt to have exercised their franchise by 1 p.m.

IN 'C' WARD

Polling booths in the 'C' Ward put on a brisk appearance once again in the evening at about 4 p.m. Many voters, obviously as a result of the hot sun, had preferred to exercise their votes in the evening. Booths at St. Xavier's High School and on the Esplanade Maidan hummed with activity, though the one at the former is reported to have drawn comparatively few voters on the whole. About 1,600 women had reported by about 5 p.m. A last-minute call at 6 p.m. elicited the information that about 400 more had gone to vote. The Mahasabha clerks at this particular station were rather truculent and one man, when asked for figures, went so far as to show the reporter the door: which evidently showed where the wind was blowing.

About 9,500 had polled at the Esplanade Maidan, according to available information. A new feature of the afternoon's campaigning was a procession of flag-bedecked bullock carts carrying baches of hilarious youngsters shouting Congress slogans. Trams and buses plying between Dhobi Talao and Bori Bunder were full of little boys who for the most part travelled without tickets. This vehicular service along the Carnac Road enabled them to canvass with ease from the Dhobi Talao end to Bori Bunder. One urchin proudly confessed that he purchased no ticket, the conductor being satisfied with a "Jai Hind!"

The station on the southern side of the I.T.F. Maidan recorded about 12,000 voters by about 5-30 p.m. Here the Hindu Mahasabha had fared not so badly as compared to the other booths in the 'C' Ward. A 'spokesman' of the Mahasabha informed a "Chronicle" reporter that as many as 2,000 had voted for the Sabha candidate!

At Northbrooke Garden booths about 40 per cent of the registered voters had called in. Towards the evening the voting was not more brisk than in the morning when long queues stood waiting in the sun.

IN 'D' WARD

Nearly 10,000 voters, men and women registered their votes at the five polling stations of the 'D' Ward till mid-day. At all these polling stations Congress candidates were leading by a great majority.

In this Ward Gilder Tank Maidan, Gowalia Tank Maidan and one at Haji Ali Baug, Clerk Road, were for the men voters while women voters registered their votes at Modern High School, Sicka Nagar and St. Columba High School, Gamdevi.

At the Gilder tank polling station supporters of the Congress candidates claimed that out of 5,000 who voted 80 per cent cast their votes in favour of Congress candidates. Very little enthusiasm was witnessed in Mr. Thatte's booth.

CONGRESS CAPTURES SABHA STRONGHOLD

At Gowalia Tank station, which is considered a Hindu Mahasabha stronghold, 1,200 out of 2,000 voters are estimated to have voted Congress. Congress workers generally complained of paucity of conveyance which was responsible for the small voting, since the number of voters in the "D" ward is the highest in the city, being 1,13,125.

Much enthusiasm was in evidence among women voters and by noon the two polling stations recorded votes of 2,000 each.

MINOR CLASH

An incident occurred at about 5-30 a.m. at Parekh Street near Prarthana Samaj where supporters of the Congress and Mahasabha candidates clashed while canvassing a few voters. A Congress volunteer sustained minor injuries.

All polling booths picked up in the course of the day, and by evening it is estimated that from 50 to 55 per cent voters had cast their votes. At least 80 per cent of recorded votes were in favour of Congress candidates.

IN 'E' AND 'F' WARDS

For three seats in the "E" and "F" Wards, the Congress has put up three candidates. These are Dr. Jivraj Mehta, Dr. M. D. D. Gilder and Mr. N. S. Kajrolkar. Technically there are three other candidates, but only Mr. B. J. Deorukkar, who stands on behalf of the Scheduled Castes Federation is actively in the field.

Mr. B. R. Changule and Mr. Mahadeo Malu, two independent Scheduled Caste candidates received practically no support.

In the "E" Ward there are three polling booths for its 65,902 voters including 15,994 who belong to the Scheduled castes. The booths were situated at Victoria Garden (for residents of Mazgaon and Tadwadi) at Northbrook gardens, Grant Road (for Nagpada and Kamatipura) and at the Y.M.C.A. Playground, Agripada (for the Byculla area). At Victoria Gardens and Y.M.C.A. playground voters started gathering and long queues were formed. But towards noon the queues diminished and most of the volunteers in both the camps found themselves idle. There were separate queues for scheduled caste voters and it is gathered that Mr. B. J. Deorukkar polled heavily from this class of voters.

By evening it was reckoned that about 40 per cent of voters had polled at Northbrook Gardens and the Y. M. C. A. grounds and about 55 per cent at the Victoria Gardens. Considerable eleventh hour liveliness was witnessed in this Ward; lorry loads of voters were rapidly unloaded and full throated slogans filled the air.

The "F" Ward has on its rolls as many as 87,098 voters including 12,623 scheduled caste voters. The Ward has three polling booths for men, one at Nare Park, Parel, the second at Bhoiwada Maidan and the third near the Ruia College, Matunga. The last named is only for men, women voters of the area being provided with a separate polling station in the Ramnarain Ruia College. About 5,000 voters each at Nare Park and Bhoiwada and about 10,000 at Matunga are estimated to have cast their votes by 1 p.m.

By closing time 12,000 men had recorded their votes at the polling booth in Matunga. In the same area over 5,000 women exercised their franchise. Ninety per cent of votes cast here went to the Congress. Bhoiwada and Nare Park each recorded votes of about 10,000 people.

Mr. B. J. Deorukkar received strong support from the Scheduled caste voters. But since the total number of voters of the scheduled caste in the whole constituency is 28,617 as against a grand total of 1,52,991 voters, his chances of ultimate success are considered very slender.

The "G" Ward shares three seats with the Bombay Suburbs. For this constituency the Congress has set up three candidates namely, Mr. D. N. Wandrekar, Mr. S. G. Songaonkar, and Mr. V. L. Mehta. Besides these there are Mr. K. M. Chaugule, Mr. L. R. Dhavale. Mr. N. N. Helekar, Mr. R. D. Bhandare and Mr. Y. D. Bole. Except for Mr. Bhandare, who represents the Scheduled Castes Federation all the other candidates were neglected while the Congress candidates received mass support.

Mass polling was the feature of this ward in all its four booths. Two of them, one at Nardulla Tank Maidan, Sayani Road, Parbhadevi and the other in vacant land near Maharashtra High school, DeLisle Road were for men only; while at the Shivaji Park there were two separate booths, one for men and the other for women. The Ward has 95,512 voters including 26,741 voters of the Scheduled Caste.

About 12,000 voters including 5,000 women cast their votes at the Shivaji Park polling booths. About 23,000 voted at Nardulla Tank and 5,000 at DeLisle Road by evening.

IN SUBURBAN DISTRICT

Voting in the Bombay Suburban District is reported to have been much heavier than in the city. There are 79,486 voters in the Suburbs, distributd over 15 polling booths at Bandra, Khar, Santa Cruz, Vile Parle, Andheri, Malad, Kandivli, Borivli, Kurla, Chembur, Ghatkopar and Mulund. Voting at these places ranged from 70 to 90 per cent.

AT SURAT

Reports about brisk polling are also received from other parts of the province.

A Surat message says that polling for the three General seats and one Scheduled Castes seat in Surat District began this morning.

Mr. Morarji Ranchodji Rachodji Desai, Secretary of the Congress Committee and former Revenue Minister of Bombay, Mr. Morarji Karanji Patel, and Mr. Lallubhai Makanji Patel are the three Congress candidates for the three General seats. Messrs. Deva Bikhabhai Patel (Congress), Chaganlal F. Zhaveri (Scheduled Castes Federation) and Hirjibhai K. Patel (Independent) are the three candidates for the reserved seat.

There is no election in the Surat City and Rander Urban Constituency as the Congress candidate, Mr. Chotubhai Marfatia, has been returned unopposed.

In Broach District Messrs. Dinkarrao Desai (Congress), Shivsanker Vakil (Congress) and Snehchandra (Independent) are contesting two seats.

There are no elections in Pachmahals District as Messrs. Laxmidas Shrikant, Waman S. Mukadam and Maneklal Gandhi, all Congress Candidates, have been returned unopposed.

AT POONA

Our Poona correspondent wires:

Poona City went to the polls this morning to elect two members to the Bombay Legislative Assembly, Shri R. B. Ghorpade, B.Sc. (New York) and Smt. Sumatibai Gore, the two official Congress candidates, are being opposed by Shri G. M. Nalawade and Smt. Jankibai Joshi, candidates put up by the Hindu Mahasabha.

Since early morning processions of voters to the accompaniment of music and with posters of national leaders paraded the streets and went to the 34 polling booths where arrangements were made to receive them and facilitate their voting. At several polling booths, especially at women's booths, regular queues were formed and a systematic registration of votes was conducted. Shri Ghorpade and Smt. Gore along with local Congress leaders visited the polling booths and supervised the arrangements. Brisk polling took place after 10 a. m. and it continued till late in the evening. At several polling booths Hindu Sabha camps looked deserted and judging from the polling rush it is a foregone conclusion that both the Congress candidates would be returned by an overwhelming majority.

Immediately after the polling was over big processions started from the various polling booths and great commotion prevailed in the western part of the city! A minor scuffle took place between the two rival parties near Shivaji Mandir, resulting in injuries to three or four persons. A youth of 20 received knife injuries while another boy received lathi blows. On receiving information Shri Shankarrao Deo, Member, Congress Working Committee, and local Congress workers rushed to the scene and asked the mob to disperse quietly. However, tension prevails in the locality till the time of wiring (8 p. m.)

AT AHMEDABAD

Our Ahmedabad correspondent wires:

Ahmedabad went to the polls amidst scenes of enthusiasm early this morning. Two Congress candidates, Mr. Bhogilal Lala and Dr. Hariprasad Desai, are contesting nearly 50 polling booths were set up in the city. From 8 to 11 a. m. a great rush was seen at the booths, especially at the Khadia, Shahpur, Kalupur, Jamalpur, Comtipur centres. Congress lorries with loud speakers were plying in the different wards with slogans "Congress Zindabad" and "Vote for Congress." Mr. Morarji Desai, Secretary, G.P.C.C., Mr. Manilal Shah, Mr. Bhogilal Lala and Dr. Hariprasad Desai toured the city's polling booths and plead for strict discipline. Upto noon about 30 per cent of the polling was recorded. The Congress candidates were given a solid backing.

Clash At Allahabad

ALLAHABAD, March 11 (U.P.I.): The eve of the Muslim League provincial assembly election was marked by cases of violence in the city. Three Nationalist Muslim boys who were passing in a lorry in Johnstonganj were stabbed while a score of other sympathisers were belaboured with lathis and brickbats by the members of the Muslim League procession which came across their way.

A police party headed by the City Deputy Superintendent of Police reached the spot and dispersed the crowd.

The meeting of the Muslim League which was to be held last evening was abandoned. Shops in Johnstonganj were closed.

Twenty persons were injured during the trouble of whom seven have sustained serious injuries. Eight people have been admitted to the Colvin Hospital and the rest discharged.

Several persons were taken into custody but were let off later except two.

LIAQUATALI SURPRISED AT GAZDAR'S MOVE

KARACHI, March 10. (U.P.I.): The following telegram was received by Mr. M. H. Gazdar, President of the Provincial Muslim League, from Nawabzada Liaquatali Khan, General Secretary of the All-India Muslim League: "I am surprised to learn you are intending to contest the election of the Speakership with the support of the enemies of the League. The League Party's decision in favour of Miran Mahommad Shah for the Speakership has already been announced. I hope and expect you as a disciplined soldier to loyally abide by the Party's decision".

GAZDAR CLIMBS DOWN

KARACHI, March 11, (A.P.I.): I was announced at a Muslim League meeting here that Mr. M. H. Gazdar had agreed not to oppose Syed Miran Mohammed Shah for the Sind speakership.

WHAT WAR COST CALCUTTA

CALCUTTA, March 11 (A.P.I.): The Calcutta Corporation's expenditure and losses arising from the last war are estimated at about two crorcs of rupees, according to a note submitted by the Corporation to the Bengal Government.

The information was called for by the Government for assessing reparations due from Japan.

Mongolian Republic Joins Hands With Soviet Union

LONDON, March 10. (Reuter): Marshal Choi Bao-San, Prime Minister of the Mongolian People's Republic, who signed a treaty of amity and mutual aid between the Soviet Union and the Mongolian Republic in Moscow on February 28 left Moscow today, the Moscow radio reported.

RUSSO-HUNGARIAN AVIATION AGREEMENT.

LONDON, March 10. (U.P.A.): Radio Vienna reported to-day that Hungary and Soviet Union have signed a thirty year agreement on civil aviation.

The agreement provides that Hungary will provide airfields while Russia will provide installations.

ONE KILLED IN LORRY MISHAP

LAHORE, March 10 (U.P.I.): One man died and five received injuries when a military lorry carrying coolies turned turtle near Shahdra, suburb of Lahore. Two of them were discharged after giving first aid and the condition of the remaining three is reported to be serious.

GHAUS & NARENDRA TO MEET IN FINALS

Ladies Singles Title For Mrs. Dyal

BOMBAY, Monday.

Ghaus Mohammad and Narendra Nath will now meet the finals of the C.C.I. Championship as the result of the two semi-finals which were decided on Monday evening.

Ghaus accounted for Prem Pandhi who had only recently beaten his redoubtable opponent. The match was over in two straight sets and although the ultimate loser made a fight of it in the second set, the issue of the match was seldom in doubt.

In the other semi-final Irshad Hussein and Narendra Nath met again and it looked almost as if the issue of the previous encounter would be reversed. Irshad was leading 5-3 and 40-30 on his own service when he failed to clinch the issue and lost the set without winning any other game. The next set found Narendra irresistible and he won the match at the cost of only 2 more games.

The ladies title once again went to Mrs. Dyal who was too much for her old rival Miss Laura Woodbridge.

The following are the results:—

Men's singles semi-finals: Narendra Nath beat Irshad Hussein 7-5 6-2. Ghaus Mohammad beat Prem Pandhi 6-3 7-5.

Women's singles final: Mrs. Dyal beat Miss Woodbridge 6-1 6-1.

Men's doubles semi-finals: Man Mohan and Sumant Misra beat Kantawala and Savara 6-1 6-2. Ghaus Mohammad and Irshad Huseein beat Prem Pandhi and Narendra Nath 6-3 6-1.

Women's doubles semi-final: Mrs. Dyal and Mrs. Row beat Mrs. F. Captain and Mrs. S. Captain 6-4 6-1. Miss Woodbridge and Mrs. Allen beat Miss Merchant and Mrs. Kania 6-4 6-2.

Mixed doubles quarter-final:— Bhalchandra Rao and Mrs. F. Captain beat Alexander and Mrs. Newlands 6-2 6-0. Sumant Misra and Miss L. Merchant beat M. K. Fatehsinhji and Mrs. Shiveshankar 6-0 6-1. Lady Kania and Kantawala beat Mrs. Mody Peermohammad 6-2 6-2.

JUNIOR SINGLES—SEMI-FINALS

Kumar beat Parikh 7-5 6-1.

Desai beat Shirgaokar 9-7 6-3.

The following are to-day's matches:

MEN'S DOUBLES FINAL

Court No. I:—

3-45 p.m. Ghaus Mahomed and Irshad Hussein v. Man Mohan and Sumant Misra.

MIXED DOUBLES SEMI-FINAL

4-45 p.m. Sumant Misra and Miss L. M. Merchant v. Lady Kania and J. M. Kantawala.

5-15 p.m. Irshad Hussein and Mrs. Allen v. Balchandra Rao and Mrs. F. Captain.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES FINAL

Court No. II:—

3-45 p.m. Mrs. Leela Dayal and Mrs. K. Row v. Miss L. Woodbridge and Mrs. Allen.

4-15 p.m. Irshad Hussein and Mrs. Allen v. Mrs. D. I. Kania and C. L. Savara.

NEW CHAPTER IN FRONTIER BEGINS

PESHAWAR, March 8 (U. P. I.) (Delayed): "The previous chapter of the Frontier Ministry is over and now begins a new chapter", said Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, Congress President, in a Press interview.

Describing the peculiar conditions of the Frontier the Congress President said: "The affairs of the Province differ in various respects from those of other provinces. Here the administration is not entirely in the hands of the Provincial Government and its political side is directly controlled by the Central Government. The past experience of the Congress Ministry had not been pleasant. In spite of a popular Ministry being at the helm of affairs it found itself helpless in running the actual administration. Not only Government officials did not co-operate, but sometimes they went against the policy of the Ministry. Besides the Ministry could not intervene in the affairs which were directly administered by the Political Department, but had direct bearing on the provincial administration."

Continuing Maulana Azad said that all these problems were brought to his notice by prominent party members. The members expressed their unanimous opinion that unless they had the satisfaction of being able to carry on the administration according to their wishes, it was no use undertaking any responsibility. "I appreciate their point of view", added the Congress President. "In my view the very cause of annoyance which stands in their way of holding the reins of Government should induce them to shoulder responsibility without hesitation. The proper remedy will be not to shirk responsibility, but to accept it in order to work with all necessary strength and determination. If officials do not co-operate with the Ministry it will be their duty to make them co-operate. If the services get corrupt and inefficient, it is the Ministry's responsibility to reform them. If any hurdles are put on their way the Ministry should not be debarred, but should overcome them outright.

Asked whether he discussed the Frontier problems with His Excellency the Viceroy during his recent interview, the Congress President replied in the affirmative. "I had detailed talks with the Viceroy", he added, "as also some correspondence in this connection. Since all this is of confidential nature I do not feel inclined to go into details."

IRAN'S PREMIER BACK FROM MOSCOW

TEHERAN, March 11 (Reuter):— Ghavam-es-Sultaneh, Prime Minister of Persia, arrived in Teheran yesterday by plane from Moscow.

Members of his Cabinet, Deputies of the Majlis (Persian Parliament) and complete Diplomatic Corps were present at the airfield to meet him.

WASHINGTON, March 8, (U. P. A.): The Federal Reserve System to-day disclosed that holdings of U. S. Government securities dropped 446 million dollars during the week ending March 6 to a new low since September 1945, of twenty two billion and five hundred and twenty-six million.

Gold reserves dipped one million to twenty billion and two hundred and thirty two million dollars, it was said.

YET ANOTHER DELEGATION TO BRITAIN

Discussion On India's Sterling Balances

(From Our Correspondent)

LONDON, March 11

The British Treasury has agreed to open negotiations with India about her sterling balances, I understand, although much depends on the outcome of the Cabinet Mission to India. The Treasury has asked the Government of India to send a delegation to London for discussions either in the latter half of July or early in August.

It is stated that accepting the Treasury's invitation, the Government of India has tentatively proposed an Indian delegation which will be composed of Sir Chintaman Deshmukh, Governor of the Reserve Bank of India, Mr. J. V. Joshi, his economic adviser, Sir Purshottamdas Thakurdas, Mr. Manu Subedar. In all probability, Mr. Habib Ibrahim Rahimtulla, President of the Muslim Chamber of Commerce will be included in the delegation. The Leader of the British delegation will be Lord Keynes and he will be supported by Lord Catto, Governor of the Bank of England, and other economic advisers to the Treasury.

"Indo-British Relations Relatively Straightforward"

"TIMES" EXPECTS CABINET MISSION TO DO ITS JOB

LONDON, March 11. (Reuter): The London "Times" said today that the problem of Indo-British relations would become "relatively straightforward" if agreement could be reached on a transitional form of Government and on the method of constitution-framing.

The leader declared, "although a larger section of the British public is now interested in Indian policy than at any time within living memory, practical difficulties which must be overcome before a succession-government can be established in India are not always realised in this country. That these difficulties will be successfully surmounted by joint endeavours of British and Indian statesmen need not be doubted, but unless they are both recognised and assessed the process will entail friction as well as delays.

The need of the moment is to secure the assent of the major Indian parties to a transitional form of Government which can rapidly take over the direction of central affairs and to the method of constitution framing which provides adequately for the diversities of Indian social organisation. If the Cabinet Mission can secure a working measure of agreement among Indian leaders on these two issues, the problem of adjusting Indo-British relations becomes relatively straight-forward".

MASON TO ACCOMPANY CABINET DELEGATION

LONDON, March 11 (Reuter): The India Office tonight announced an additional member of staff to accompany the Cabinet Mission shortly proceeding to India.

He is Sir Laurence Mason, late of the Indian Forest Service and the Supply Department of the Government of India and will be the personal assistant to the First Lord of the Admiralty Mr. A. V. Alexander.

Portugal Strengthening Relations With U. S.

LISBON, March 10. (U.P.A.): The weekly newspaper, Sol, in an editorial signed by its editor Col. Lelloportela, to-day stressed that Premier Salazar is following a friendly policy of strengthening the country's relations with the United States.

The editorial said that the Portuguese Government felt it necessary to align its foreign policy with Washington, emphasizing that the Atlantic community, with Portugal, the U. S. and Brazil, is now a big political reality.

HOMMA'S WIFE PLEADS FOR MERCY FOR HER HUSBAND

TOKYO, March 11 (Reuter): Gen. Douglas MacArthur, Supreme Allied Commander in Japan, today heard a personal plea for clemency by the wife of Lt.-Gen. Masaharu Homma, former Japanese Commander-in-Chief in the Philippines, recently sentenced to death for war crimes which included the Bataan "death march" during which about 16,000 United States and Filippino troops perished.

Gen. MacArthur promised Mrs. Homma that he would give the "gravest consideration" to what she had said. He told her that he had greatest possible personal sympathy for her and understood the "great sorrow" of her situation.

Cardinal Griffin Criticises Soviet Methods

LONDON, March 10. (Reuter): The Archbishop of Westminster, Cardinal Griffin, making his first appearance in his own cathedral since his visit to Rome, criticised Soviet Russia, though not by name, and described world affairs as being "in a more perilous position than before Munich."

"It is perhaps not without significance that the Holy See and this country are being subjected to attacks and false propaganda from the press of a country which did magnificently in war and from which we had hoped so much in the cause of peace," the Cardinal said.

"The Catholic church and the British nation stand firm for the freedom of individual man. Both are determined to uphold the dignity of man; both desire justice, truth and charity to enlighten world politics.

But we are alarmed when one peace-loving country after another is being subjected to attacks from outside.

Further, we are disturbed in our own consciences when we receive reliable reports from many countries which fought with us in the war which show that these countries are still in fetters and under the domination of foreign powers.

We ask why it is impossible for these unfortunate countries to receive the freedom and independence for which they fought and for which their gallant heroes laid down their lives.

ASSEMBLY CENSURES EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Failure To Provide Social Security Benefits To Workers: Why Sanction Prosecution Of I. N. A. Personnel?

NEW DELHI, March 11 (A.P.I.): The Assembly today carried two cuts, one to condemn Government for sanctioning prosecution of I. N. A. personnel and the other to censure the Executive Council on their "failure to provide for unemployment relief, adequate dearness relief and social security benefits for the employees of the Central Government."

Sardar Mangal Singh, who moved the first cut, said that Government should have waited for the results of the enquiry into the fall of Singapore before deciding to prosecute I. N. A. personnel. He asked Government to absorb the I.N.A. into the present Indian Army because they would be a great asset to the coming National Army of his country.

Mr. P. Mason, War Secretary, said that no one was being prosecuted because he was in the I.N.A. but because he was alleged to have committed acts of brutality. Government were applying the same standards to Bidadari (concentration camp in Malaya) and Neelganj (I.N.A. camp in Bengal).

The closure was applied and passed by 58 to 34 votes and the cut was passed without a division.

Th second cut was moved by Mr. S. Guruswamy and supported by Mr. Gadgil and Mr. Mohd Nauman.

Mr. Guruswamy said that the Government of India, as the largest employer of Labour in this country, should set an example to other employers in the matter of unemployment relief, adequate dearness relief and social security benefits. He commended to the Government of India the British Premier's declaration that British workers who had overthrown Fascist dictatorship were not going to be beaten by economics.

Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, Labour Member, said the cut motion implied the demand that employees of the Central Government should be treated as a privileged class of workers. The Government of India, however, had not only has responsibility for those who were in its immediate employment but also for Labour in general. Therefore, their policy in the matter of the benefits sought by the mover should be framed in such a manner as to benefit labour in general and not a particular class of Labour.

Mr. S. C. Joshi, Labour Commissioner and Sir Edward Benthall, War Transport Member, explained the Government of India's policy. Mr. Joshi said that the Government of India would introduce legislation providing for compulsory recognition of trade unions and payment of minimum wages.

The cut was passed without a division.

Earlier, the House talked out Mr. C. P. Lawson's cut to discuss delays in derequisitioning property and in settling claims. Mr. Manu Subedar and Mr. Ahmed Jaffer supported the cut.

GOVT. CENSURED

The House passed without a division a Congress party cut to censure Government on its "failure" to carry out its policy of developing Civil Aviation with Indian capital and under Indian management.

The cut was moved by Mr. Sasanka Sekhar Sanyal and supported by Mr. Ahmed Jaffer and Mr. Sarat Chandra Bose and opposed by Mr. M. A. F. Hirtzel (European group) and Sir Gurunath Bewoor, Secretary for Posts and Air.

In support of the motion it was stated that the Department compelled companies to appoint non-Indians in the chief administrative and other posts; that out of the four companies now operating only two were Indian; and the fear was expressed that the proposed Air Transport Licensing Board should be another Railway Board and be predominantly non-Indian. Mr. Sarat Chandra Bose asked for a committee of the House to examine the whole question.

BEWOOR EXPLAINS

Sir Gurnath Bewoor, Secretary for Posts and Air, said that there was no question of appointing a Britisher in order to please the Director-General of Civil Aviation. If any company had any such idea, he hoped that his statement in the House would remove it and he would be the first to congratulate it on employing Indians in place of Britishers.

Giving figures of Indian and non-Indian employees, he said in the Tatas, for instance, there were 21 pilots and 23 wireless operators all Indians, while among the engineering staff, of 50 only eight were European.

A voice: Why are they there?

Sir Gurunath: Probably because they were found more competent or more experienced.

He gave figures with regard to other concerns and said that in the Indian National Airways, out of a total number of 1,270 shareholders, 1,165 were Indians holding about 27 lakhs out of a total of 30 lakhs of capital.

Towards the end of his speech, Sir Gurunath was repeatedly interrupted by members of the Congress Party and others and Gurunath protested against what he described as an unfair attempt to prevent a point of view different from the Opposition's being placed fully before the House. Interruptions continued and a number of Opposition members said that Sir Gurunath had exceeded his time.

The motion was put and passed without a division.

Mr. Anathasayanam Ayyangar (Congress) sought by a cut to abolish the organisation of Research and Reference, Information Films, Field Publicity Organisation and Arts Section of the Information and Broadcasting Department.

The cut seems to reduce the Demand of Rs. 136 lakhs by Rs. 19 lakhs 34 thousand.

Mr. Ayyangar referred to the increasing expenditure incurred by this Department and criticised some of its activities. The field publicity organisation was only another name for the National War Front which was abolished by a resolution of the House. The Arts Section was intended to provide employment for dancing girls sent overseas to entertain soldiers during the war; and the organisation of Research and Reference was a department for organising Foreign Publicity.

Discussion on the cut will be continued tomorrow.

FOOD WASTAGE IN AMERICA

GARBAGE DUMPS IN U.S. MAY FEED MANY IN EUROPE

NEW YORK, March 10 (Reuter): Great quantities of food are being wasted here while other countries are facing starvation.

Hundreds of tons of food, including thousands of pounds of partially eaten steaks, chops and other meats, are brought daily to New York city's waste dumps.

The statement broadcast by Congressman A. L. Miller (Republican, Nebraska) that the people of the United States were wasting much good food and that the garbage dumps of many United States families would feed many in Europe, has led to investigations by certain individuals of food wastage.

The superintendent of one waste dump here said: "Judging by what we get at this single dump it would appear that many Americans do not know there has been a war."

WORLD FOOD SITUATION GETTING WORSE

UNRRA Appeals To Member Nations For Greater Effort

WASHINGTON, March 10 (Reuter): Mr. Herbert Lehman, Director-General of the U.N.R.R.A. called tonight for greater efforts by the peoples of the United Nations to meet the mounting world food crisis.

Mr. Lehman declared in a statement "the world food situation grows more critical each day and during the last few weeks there has not been one single ameliorating factor. Everything has operated to make the situation worse. If people of the United Nations are to surmount this great crisis, it is clear that even greater efforts will have to be made both by the supplying and receiving countries. The U.N.R.R.A. has no power by which it can enforce decisions on National Governments. Still more can be done by the Member Nations themselves."

Britain Demands Early Reply From Moscow

LONDON, March 10 (Reuter): The British Government to-day instructed the British Charge d'Affaires in Moscow, Mr. Frank Roberts, to press for an early reply from the Soviet Government to the recent note of inquiry concerning the continued presence of Soviet troops in Northern Persia.

The British note of inquiry asked the Soviet Government to throw some light on its announcement that Soviet troops would be kept in Northern Persia "until the situation is clarified."

The 1942-treaty with Persia stipulated that all foreign troops would be withdrawn from Persian territory six months after the end of the war —that is by March 2.

It is assumed in informed circles that the Soviet Government in its negotiations in Moscow with the Persian Premier, M. Ghavam Sultaneh, has pressed its demands for acknowledgement of full autonomy for Azerbaijan and for oil concessions.

NOISY ANTI-SOVIET CAMPAIGN

LONDON, March 11. (Reuter): Moscow radio last night broadcast a commentary in English and German on what it described as a "noisy anti-Soviet campaign" in Britain and the United States.

"Progressive public opinion in the United States and Britain" said the radio, "will not tolerate the activities of conservatives of both countries directed against the Soviet Union.

Responsible writers in Britain have pointed out that attempts to revive the anti-comintern pact in a new form can lead to no good"

The commentary added that the campaign had been begun by reactionaries for another reason—"to divert public opinion from some of to-day's problems"

IRAN PREMIER'S ASSURANCE TO MOLOTOV

MOSCOW, March 11 (A.P.A.): Foreign observers today attached importance to a pronouncement by Iranian Premier Ghavam Sultaneh expressing confidence in friendly relations between Iran and the Soviet Union.

Ghavam was said to have thanked Soviet Foreign Commissar V. M. Molotov for his welcome in Moscow and repeated his assurance that he would continue to exert his influence toward strengthening relations between Russia and Iran.

Ghavam made this statement at Baku where his plane landed 'en route' to Teheran.

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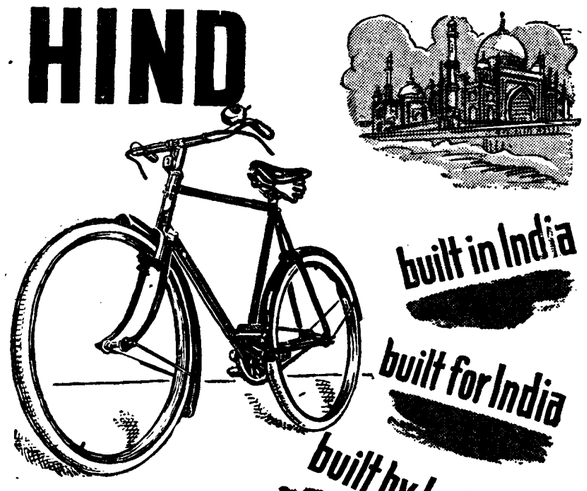

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TRACTOR ACCESSORY SCANDAL EXPOSED

LONDON, Reuter: THE PRODUCTION OF FOOD ON HUNDREDS OF ACRES OF LAND IN THE DECCAN FERTILE AREA OF SOUTHERN INDIA—AND AT THE FOOT OF THE HIMALAYAS IS BEING HELD UP, BECAUSE BRITISH AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENT MANUFACTURERS ARE UNABLE TO DELIVER SPECIAL ACCESSORIES FOR USE IN CONJUNCTION WITH AMERICAN CRAWLER TRACTORS, THE ONLY MACHINES IN THE WORLD POWERFUL ENOUGH TO TACKLE THESE WEED AND ROOT-RIDDEN AREAS

These implements may not be available for use in India, until the end of September at the earliest but over 200 tractors have already been delivered at Indian ports by the American contractors, and the balance of the order for 500 machines will be in Indian hands by April.

This information was given to Ronald G. Beddord, Reuter's Correspondent, in an interview by a highly placed source in close contact with the Government of India.

Here is the background to the present impasse. The Government of India, according to Mr. Bedford's informant, decided to modernise a part of the nation's agricultural industry by purchasing high-powered tractors, which would be capable of plouhing up the rootinfested areas of the Deccan and at the foot of the Himalayas.

A high official of the Government of India came to Britain to order the tractors, but the most powerful British makes were incapable of dealing with the problem. Only American crawler tractors could do and so the official went to the United States of America and placed orders for 500 crawler tractors, it having been decided that their purchase was a high priority.

However, it was made a condition of purchase that the accessories for use in conjunction fith the tractors should be manufactured in Britain. Two hundred and twelve tractors were delivered in India at the beginning of the year, and the balance of the order is to be completed by April.

When the Government of India Official returned to England after placing his order in the United States, he attended a specially convened conference of British agricultural implement makers and was told that nothing could be done in the way of manufacturing the accessories until September of this year.

"At a time when India is facing the worst famine in history such a state of affairs should not be allowed to pass unnoticed" my informant told me, says Reuter's Correspondent. "The American manufacturers were in a position to supply the accessories at the same time as the tractors, but the British view was that only those articles which could not be manufactured in Britain would receive sanction for purchase abroad. If the accessories had been brought from the United States, the extra cost would have been very small indeed, and the tractors would have been able to get on with the job of preparing these vast tracts of India for food production instead of standing idle".

A spokesman of the Agricultural Implement Manufactures Association told Mr. Bedford to-day "We are fully conscious of the gravity of the Indian food position, but the first claim on our output is for the domestic programme which is in arrears as it is. Everything that can be done to speed delivery of the Government of India order will be done, but there is little hope of the delivery date being advanced. Labour is our principal problem".

SCARCITY CONDITIONS IN FOUR MORE VILLAGES OF POONA

BOMBAY, Monday.

The Government of Bombay has declared the existence of scarcity conditions in four more villages in Poona District, from March 1. They are Gagargaon and Palasdoe, in Indapur taluka; and Boribyal and Kasurdi, in Dhond taluka.

Harmonising League-Congress Differences

Instrument Of Instructions To British Cabinet Delegation

LONDON, March 11 (U.P.I.): With nearly a week or so left for the Cabinet Mission to start for India, it is now possible to indicate the broad outlines of the instrument of instructions drawn up by the British Cabinet for facilitating the work of the Mission, cables the political correspondent of the United Press of India.

It is gathered from circles believed to be in close touch with the Secretariat of the proposed Mission that while leaving sufficient latitude to the members to explore all avenues for arriving at an honourable settlement of what is admitted on all hands to be the "most stupendous Empire problem", the British Cabinet have been at pains to devise some formula for adjusting, if possible, the claims put forward by Mr. Jinnah for a "homeland" for the Muslims in separate sovereign state or states. In this connection several alternative schemes are reported to have been under examination.

INDIAN UNION.

Of these, the one which is believed to have impressed the high-ranking statesmen in the Parliamentary circles here as going a great way towards harmonising the conflicting Indian viewpoints, is an Indian Union—not a Unitary of Federal State but a kind of Confederation of several virtually independent units—inclusive of the so-called Eastern and Western Pakistan areas, the non-Pakistan provinces and the States, each enjoying practical sovereignty but bound together under specified treaty obligations for purposes of defence, internal security, inter-State and international commerce, communications, currency, tariffs and economic policy.

Some prominent members of the last Parliamentary Delegation to India are reported to have dropped the hint that in the event of such a Constitution being devised, Mr. Jinnah might be agreeable to accept some modification of the existing boundaries of Bengal and the Punjab so as to release the predominantly Hindu and Sikh areas of Western Bengal and the Eastern Punjab respectively from the contemplated Pakistan zones. It is, however, stated by the same source that Mr. Jinnah would, in return for this bargain for the inclusion of Assam under the so-called Eastern Pakistan Zone.

Under this scheme, it is further understood, the Army, the Navy and the Defence Services would be maintained by one joint Council where the Pakistan states, the Indian States and the provincial governments—working either independently or as co-ordinated groups amongst themselves—would be represented as equals.

GRAVE ALLEGATIONS AGAINST I. N. A. PROSECUTION

Jaswant Singh's Statement In Sixth Court Martial

DELHI, CANTT., March 11 (API): "The entire story of the prosecution has brought against me is absolutely unfounded, baseless, a shameful concoction, and nothing but an open lie," observed Hav. Jaswant Singh in his statement before the Sixth I.N.A. Court Martial on Monday.

"My case," he said, "stands alone, perhaps, in the history of the I.N.A. prosecution.

I was sent for as a defence witness in the Third I.N.A. Court Martial, and all at once, I was held up as an accused person."

Referring to the Court he said, "I make an earnest appeal to the Court to find out the truth and do justice. I beg for no mercy, pity, compassion, or pardon."

He had appealed to the Court to find out the truth, because the prosecution side in their enthusiasm to prove themselves champions of justice and righteousness, has done all that they could to conceal and camouflage the real truth.

Continuing, Hav. Jaswant Singh said: "Far from denying, I am proud of the fact that I am an honest lover of the freedom of my motherland. This is my only crime. If it is considered as a crime at all, any punishment awarded to me for this would be the greatest honour that this Court could confer on me. But anything done to me based upon the prosecution story would be the greatest injustice that a court could do to an innocent person."

After examining two defence witnesses Jem Fateh Khan and Kesan Singh, the Court adjourned till Wednesday.

RESIGNATIONS ACCEPTED

SAMBALPUR, (Orissa), March 11: The resignation of 10 out of 13 members of the Sambapur District Congress Committee was accepted at a meeting of the D.C.C. held here on Thursday last.

PUNJAB WINS HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIP

CALCUTTA, March 11 (A.P.I.): The Inter-Provincial Hockey Championship was won today by Punjab who beat Delhi in the final by one goal to nil.

NEWMARKET, March 11 (Reuter): The Lincolnshire favourite MIDAS pulled up lame after a canter here this morning.

BEVERLEY NICHOLS TO SPEAK!

Leaguers' Demonstration For Pakistan In Trafalgar Square

LONDON, March 11 (Reuter): A mass demonstration in Trafalgar Square on March 23 is being arranged by the London branch of the All-India Muslim League as "Pakistan Day."

President of the Branch, Mr. Mohammed Abbas Ali, told Reuter today: "This will be the first time that the British public has had an opportunity to display their feelings about Pakistan. Members of Parliament, particularly those who recently returned from the All-Party Parliamentary Mission to India, are being invited to attend and express their views. The British people should be told all facts about Pakistan, and in order that the information shall be unbiased, the speakers will be all British.

"The Working Committee of the London branch of the All-India Muslim League are giving consideration to a procession along Whitehall to present resolutions at the India Office, but the final decision has not been taken as yet."

Mr. Abbas Ali added that Beverley Nichols, author of "Verdict on India", hoped to be able to speak at the demonstration providing he could get back to England from Paris in time.

PROTECTION FOR BEVIN

"Underground Movement's" Threat Sequel

LONDON, March 11 (UPI): The British foreign policy seems to have created great annoyance with certain sections of extreme radicals, especially what is known as "the Revolutionary Underground Movement." It is stated that annoyance has gone to the limit of almost fanaticism and the Foreign Secretary is being threatened against his personal security.

In this connection the "Sunday Dispatch" publishes a report that Mr. Ernest Bevin, Foreign Secretary, who is already guarded by two specially chosen detectives who accompany him on all his public and private engagements is now to be given further protection.

"The decision has been made," the paper adds, "after certain information had come into the hands of the Special Branch, organisation responsible for the safety of ministers of the Crown and for checking the activities of revolutionary underground movements.

At a Conference a few days ago, called by the newly appointed Head of the Special Branch, it was decided, to increase Mr. Bevin's normal bodyguard and undertake other extra precautions to safeguard him."

The "Sunday Dispatch" further states that for security reasons these other "special precautions" must remain a secret.

SCHOOL RAIDED AND TEACHERS FORCED TO STRIKE

KARWAR, March 11 (A.P.I.): About 90 teachers of primary schools of this district have gone on strike, causing closure of over 70 schools.

It is reported that a procession taken out in sympathy with the strikers last week-end at Kumta entered the school premises, damaged the school property and bodily lifted some children from the class rooms and coerced the teachers to join the strike.

It is learnt that last month's salaries of teachers who are now on strike have been withheld.

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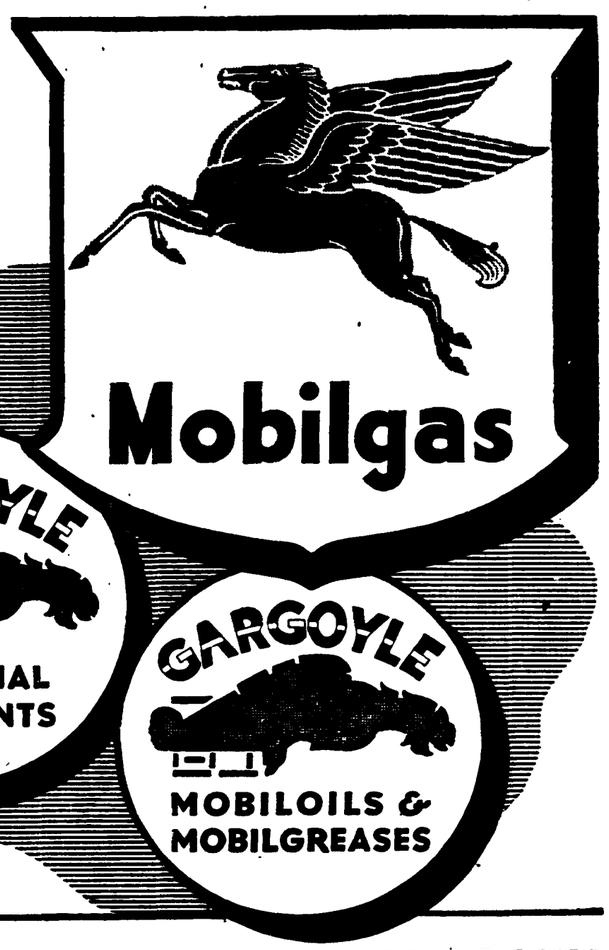

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Why Justice Party Is Out Of Picture

Rajan Says It Is Not Worth While When There Is No Chance Of Winning Elections

MADRAS, March 10 (A.P.I.): IN THE PRESENT SITUATION, I WARN THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT THAT THEY SHOULD EITHER HAND OVER POWER TO INDIANS STRAIGHT AWAY, WHETHER IT BE TO THE CONGRESS OR ANY OTHER PARTY OR MAINTAIN LAW AND ORDER AS AN ESTABLISHED GOVERNMENT", OBSERVED SIR P. T. RAJAN, LEADER OF THE JUSTICE PARTY ADDRESSING A PUBLIC MEETING TO-NIGHT UNDER THE AUSPICES OF SOUTH INDIAN LIBERAL FEDERATION.

Foreign policy of the British Government, Sir P. T. Rajan said, was manly based on the maintenance of balance of power in Europe. As a result of the war, Russia had emerged as a first rate world power, and to keep the 'status quo' against any possible Russian influence in the East, Britain had come out with an offer of freedom to India. It was with this end in view that Britain was making advances to the Congress, the majority party in India.

Referring to the Simla Conference, Sir P. T. Rajan said: "Mr. Jinnah played his cards very well and prevented the British Government to part with power to the Congress and spared the country from the tyranny of Congress rule."

Explaining the reasons why his party was not contesting the elections to the Provincial Legislature, Sir P. T. Rajan said it was not worth while fighting the election, when there was no certain chance of winning and added: "We should prepare for the more important election after the formation of the Constituent Assembly."

Proceeding, he said: "Indian democracy is based on communities unlike European democracy which is based on majority rule. We want power to be given to Indians and not to any one party or group." This essential difference, he said, should be borne in mind by the Cabinet mission coming to India.

IS ENLISTMENT IN R.I.N. ONLY MEANS OF LIVELIHOOD?

We Have Poor Opinion Of Soldiers If They Cannot Earn Their Bread By Sweat Of Brow, Says Gandhiji In Reply To Aruna

AHMEDABAD, March 10 (A.P.I.): Mahatma Gandhi in an article entitled "Conflict of Ideas" in to-day's "Harijan" answers the criticism by Mrs. Aruna Asaf Ali of his advice "calling upon R.I.N. ratings to resign if their condition was humiliating."

Mrs. Asaf Ali was reported to have said that if the R.I.N. ratings resigned, they would have to give up their own means of livelihood. Moreover they were fighting for principles. If they resigned now, there would be hundreds in these days of unemployment to take their places, who would be subject to the same discrimination and treatment and the R.I.N ratings would not have achieved anything She felt that it did not lie in the mouth of Congressmen who were themselves going to the legislatures to ask the ratings to give up their jobs. Their resignation would not help the cause of the country.

To this trend of argument Mahatma Gandhi replies:

"The first principle of non-violent action as propounded in the Congress resolution of 1920 at its special session in Calcutta under the late Lala Lajpatrai is that of non-co-operation with everything humiliating. It must be remembered that the R.I.N. was founded not for the benefit of the ruled. The men went with their eyes open. Discrimination stares one in the face. It cannot be avoided if one enters the service which is frankly organised to keep India under subjection. One may, one ought to try to mend the conditions. That is possible only upto a point. That cannot be achieved through mutiny. Mutiny may conceivably succeed, but the success can only avail the mutineers and their kin not the whole of India. And the lesson would be a bad inheritance. Discipline will be at least as necessary under Swaraj as it is now. India under successful mutineers would be cut up into warring factions exhausted by internecine strife.

India of the Congress has made little headway in the appreciation of the fight for Swaraj if it is true that hundreds would take their places if the present ratings resigned in pursuance of their campaign against humiliation. Can we have Swaraj for the masses if we are so degraded that hundreds of us are ready to swallow humiliation even to the extent of taking the places of humiliated fellowmen? The very thought is unworthy of Congressmen and that too at the moment when Swaraj is believed to be within sight. Those who hold that enlistment in the R.I.N is their only means of livelihood must have a very poor opinion of them. A soldier's is a hard life. He is disciplined to work in co-operation and trained to work with the pickaxe and the spade. Such a one will disdain to think that apart from soldiering, he has no means of livelihood. We have a poor opinion of soldiers if we think that they cannot earn their bread by the sweat of the brow. A labourer is any day worthy of his hire. What is however true is that a soldier out of his calling will lack the glamour and the amenities provided for him. We have wasted precious 25 years if we have not yet stripped the profession of killing and destroying of the thick coat of varnish that has covered it for so long.

Aruna Asaf Ali has been reported to have said that the ratings would have gained nothing by resigning. Well they would have gained honour and dignity if they had manfully given up their job and taught the citizens of Bombay the way to save honour and dignity and they would have spared Bombay the senseless destruction of life, property and very precious foodstuffs. Surely this would have been an achievement beneath notice. The last statement of Congressmen going to the legislatures for conserving the honour and liberty of the country is not the same as ratings serving for their livelihood with the possibility of being used against their own countrymen and their liberty. Congressmen who go to the legislatures are representatives elected by their voters and they go even if it is only to prevent those from going who will misrepresent the voters. Going to the legislatures may be altogether bad but there can be no such comparison as has been just adverted to.

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Jinnah On League Demonstrations

LAHORE, March 11. (A.P.A.): Mr. M. A. Jinnah, President of the All-India Muslim League, has instructed the Punjab League leaders to tell the Hindu and Sikh public in the province that League demonstrations "are not directed against them," it is learnt here.

The demonstrations, according to the League leader, are against "traitors in our own camp."

Mr. Jinnah, it is further learnt, has deplored the happenings which took place on Saturday in Lahore following the Governor's invitation to Malik Khizr Hyat Khan to form a cabinet.

LEAGUE PURGE IN BENGAL

CALCUTTA, March 10 (A.P.I.): All primary members of the Muslim League who are contesting Muslim League candidates nominated by the League Parliamentary Board in the Bengal Legislative Assembly elections have been expelled from the League by a resolution adopted by the Working Committee of the Bengal Provincial Muslim League yesterday.

The resolution specifies also certain others who are expelled. It states: All persons who had applied for Muslim League nomination and had signed pledges not to stand against the Muslim League candidates, as well as all persons who hold some office in the Muslim League organisation or are primary members of the Muslim League and are contesting the Muslim League candidates nominated by the Muslim League Parliamentary Board are hereby expelled from the organisation.

80 NON-LEAGUE MUSLIMS TO CONTEST FOR BENGAL ASSEMBLY

CALCUTTA, March 10 (A.P.I.): The Bengal Muslim Parliamentary Board is contesting about 80 seats in the coming election to the Provincial Legislative Assembly and is supporting about 30 more in the contest, says the Secretary of the Board in a statement issued today.

He adds that the Board's candidates are receiving support from all parts of the Province. The main opposition is from the Muslim League fold. "The League have no message to the electorate. So they have taken recourse to armed goondaism and organised vandalism", says the statement. "The Muslim public of Bengal will not certainly fall victims to this hooliganism and will refuse to have anything to do with this organised goondaism."

Leaguers Observe Hartal In Amritsar

AMRITSAR, March 9. (A.P.I.): The Muslim shopkeepers in the city are observing partial 'hartal' today as a protest against the formation of a Coalition Ministry in the Punjab. The Ahrars and other Nationalist Muslims are, however, keeping their shops open. The local authorities, on a request from the Nationalist Muslims that there was danger of a breach of peace had obtained an assurance from the local Muslim League leaders last night that no attempt would be made to force the people to participate in the 'hartal'.

Police are patrolling the city. The 'hartal' has so far been peaceful.

C. P. LEAGUER RESIGNS MEMBERSHIP

NAGPUR March 10.

On the ground that the Muslim League believed much in Fascism and Dictatorship and not in Democracy, Munshi Abdul Rahim Sahib, Golbazar, Raipur has severed his connection with the Muslim League by tendering his resignation to the President Primary Muslim League Raipur.

Mr. Abdul Rahim, proceeding, states that the present unpatriotic policy of the Muslim League strengthened the grip of the imperialism and enslaved the motherland perpetually.

PLAGUE CLAIMS HEAVY TOLL IN CAWNPORE

CAWNPORE, March 10. (A.P.I.): Plague has assumed the form of an epidemic in the city, says a notification issued by the Public Health Department of the Cawnpore Municipal Board. It has already affected a number of mohallas and is spreading in other quarters. The total number of attacks till Friday, March 8, was 273 in the city and the total number of deaths was 121.

SOVIET GIVES 980,000 TONS OF CEREALS TO FRANCE

LONDON, March 10 (Reuter): The Communist Vice-President in the French Government, M. Maurice Thorez, announced at a public rally in Paris to-day, according to the Paris radio, that the Soviet Government had agreed to supply France with 10,000,000 quintals (about 980,000 tons) of cereals.

Sikhs Demand Sikhistan

LAHORE, March 10. (A.P.I.): The SGPC at its annual general meeting held yesterday, Jamedar Mohan Singh presiding, adopted a resolution declaring that the Sikhs were a separate nation. Further in the opinion of the SGPC a sovereign Sikh state was absolutely essential to protect religious places, Sikh civilization, culture, customs, their self-respect and freedom. The SGPC decided to make very endeavour to achieve this goal and press this demand before the ministers delegation visiting India shortly.

The resolution was adopted unanimously. Master Tara Singh was among the Akali leaders present.

U.S. Advisers For Indian Road Planning

NEW DELHI, March 9. (API): With the concurrence of Provincial Governments, the Government of India, it is announced, have invited two top-ranking Public Works and Road officials from the United States to pay a short visit to India, to advise generally on India's large programme of Road development. Owing to their other important duties, the services of these two distinguished officials have been spared by the Government of the United States with great difficulty, but the President of the United States has agreed to their spending about one month in India during which time they will be the guests of the Government of India and will see as much of Indias road system as possible in the time available.

The two officials are Major General Philip B. Fleming, the Head of the Federal Public Works Administration and Mr. Thomas Harris MacDonald, Head of the Federal Bureau of Public Roads. They will probably be leaving the United States by air about March 15 and should be arriving India a week or ten days later.

Kidwai Goes "Underground" To Recoup Health

LUCKNOW, March 9 (U.P.I.): The mystery man of the United Provinces, Mr. Rafi Ahmed Kidwai, former Revenue Minister, has gone "underground" for reasons of health since last night and will not return till the formation of the Ministry is announced.

This is not unusual with Mr. Kidwai, as he, as Revenue Minister in 1938, left Lucknow without giving any trace of his whereabouts, even to his nearest friends and relations, spent one month in a country-boat in river Padma in East Bengal, recouped his health and returned to Lucknow.

TEA PRICE CONTROL TO CONTINUE

NEW DELHI, March 9 (A.P.I.): A Press Note says: The Government of India have decided that in view of the International Tea supply and demand position, the existing control over prices and quantities of export of teas should continue throughout the year 1946-47.

INDIAN ECONOMIST TO FLY TO JAPAN

LAHORE, March 10 (U.P.I.): The Government of India, it is understood, have invited Dr. L. C. Jain Head of the Department of Economics, Punjab University, to proceed to Japan as the Economic Adviser to the Allied Control Commission. Dr. Jain is expected to fly from Delhi to Tokyo about the middle of this month.

AMRAOTI PRESS WORKERS ON STRIKE

AMRAOTI, March 10: Press workers in Amraoti have gone on strike. Consequently newspapers and magazines published there have to suspend their publications for some time.

WORKSHOP SET ON FIRE

CALCUTTA, March 10 (A.P.I.): The office of the workshop of an engineering firm in Howrah was set on fire by a mob of about thousand workers shortly after midday yesterday. A motor car at the gate of the office was also set fire to. The mob, however dispersed before the police arrived on the spot.

OVER 100 FAMILIES RENDERED HOMELESS BY FIRE

GORAKHPUR, March 10. (A.P.I.): Over one hundred families of Kisans have been rendered homeless in the village of Turkahia on the Nepal border by an accidental fire that broke out on Tuesday last.

Fanned by a strong westerly wind, the fire spread out and destroyed their entire property including grains, cloth and utensils. Three women who attempted to save their property received burns.

KARACHI, March 10 (A.P.I.): H.E. Gen. Sir Claude Auchinleck, has ordered the immediate stoppage of all troops' gift parcels consisting of foodstuffs to United Kingdom.

RAJKOT

PUBLIC DEMAND FOR POPULAR MUNICIPALITY

The following resolutions were passed at a public meeting of the residents of Rajkot Civil Station, held under the presidentship of Dewan Bahadur Sir Harilal N. Gosalia.

This meeting, requests the Hon'ble the Resident for the States of Western India to be so good as to take early steps to alter the present system of authoritarian administration of the municipality and to set up machinery for transferring the control of the municipality of the Civil Station to elected representatives of the residents of the place.

This meeting, requests the Honourable the Resident, Western India States Agency to be so good as to direct a suspension of the collection of the 50 per cent increase in the Conservancy Tax for the present, and in the meanwhile to appoint a Committee of six non-official leading and experienced residents of the Civil Station to inquire into the propriety of and necessity for this increase in taxation and to make concrete recommendations in the matter.

Rs. 40,000 STOLEN

CAWNPORE, March 10. (A.P.I.): A sum of Rs. 40,000 has been stolen from the office of the Provincial Textile Controller, and a complaint to this effect has been lodged with the Nawabganj Police.

WEEKY HAPUR MARKETS REVIEW

(From Our Own Correspondent)

HAPUR, March 8.

There is distinct improvement in the food grains position here. There is less of tension now and prices have recorded some decline under all heads. The following are the current prices: Wheat 16, Gram 16, Peas 11/8, Maize 9/11, Bajra 8/14/3 and Juwar 9/2. Stocks are poor still but the decision to introduce rationing has given great satisfaction to poor people here. Wheat stock reserved by the Central Government is unchanged at 31 Khattis and there were thus no exports during the week. Standing crops are progressing satisfactorily. There is no hail storm damage here as is reported from some other places.

PULSES.

Markets have reacted bearishly in sympathy with food grains. There is slight fall in the quotations. Arrivals and despatches were again very nominal and stocks are mostly unchanged. The following are the current prices: Urad 15/10, Arhar 9/8 and Moong 12/5. Arhar stock is put at 10 Khattis.

GUR AND JAGGERY POWDER

Market, unlike food grain markets, have ruled very steady and there has been good grain in prices. Gur is now quoted at 11/8 and Jaggery Powder 13/4. Arrivals have also been at somewhat increased scale. There is keen resentment here on the authorities indifference to let prices go up when Government purchases have slowed down. It would be recalled that Government took away all their supplies at 9/6 even when the market rates were much higher the loss being compensated by local stockists. The consumer in any case is now paying a very heavy price.

GUWAR FUTURES.

Futures market has ruled quiet to steady. Volume of the speculative business as pointed out by me last week is not so heavy now. Prices fluctuations were narrow and unimportant. Baishak touched 8/3/3 and 8/3/6 on the two extreme ends and is now quoted at 8/4. Next Maha futures stood at 7/4. Ready is now quoted at 8/3.

BULLION FUTURES.

Market remained very steady. There is steady rise in the quotations. Erratic movements let loose by the last week's budget proposals have now been set at rest. The Hapur Mahabir Vyapar Mandal that controls the entire futures business here has now decided to introduce one months due futures instead of one week's as hitherto Silver is now quoted at 146/14 and Gold at 87/12. Lowest had touched 141/12 and 82/8 respectively.

CENTRAL BANK OF INDIA, LTD.

The following is the Statement of Liabilities and Assets of the Central Bank of India, Limited for the fortnight dated 28th February, 1946:—

LIABILITIES.	Rs.	Rs.
Capital Subscribed	5,04,40,000	
Capital Paid up		2,51,26,000
Reserve and Contingency Fund		2,22,35,000
Deposits Debts due to Banks and Agents, Bills payable etc.		1,14,179,000
Sundries including Branch Adjustments		23,41,67,000
Total Rs.		1,42,33,25,000

ASSETS.	Rs.
Cash Credits and Overdrafts on Government and other Authorised Securities	31,66,79,000
Loans on Government and other—Authorised Securities	8,99,52,000
Bills Discounted	6,40,36,000
Lands and Buildings	93,39,000
Sundries including Branch—Adjustments	17,40,12,000
Cash in hand, at Banks, Moneys at Call and Investments in War Bonds, Government Paper, Treasury Bills, Shares, Debentures, etc.	76,93,07,000
Total Rs.	1,42,33,25,000

No Discrimination In Feeding World's Starving People!

Pearl Buck On Task Before India: Famine Emergency Committee Formed In America

NEW YORK, March 10 (Reuter): "People doomed to starvation in India must be fed on an equal basis with the hungry in Europe", declared the American author, Pearl Buck, accepting the chairmanship of the India Famine Emergency Committee.

Formation of the Committee was announced tonight by the India League of America. It includes among its members the scientist, Albert Einstein, former Under-Secretary of the United States, Sumner Welles, and former Chairman of the War Production Board, Donald Nelson.

Pearl Buck added: "I have accepted the chairmanship of this Committee because I believe that starving people should be fed wherever they are.

This is not a relief committee. We are organised for the sole purpose of seeing that there is no discrimination in feeding the world's starving people. We count on a sense of justice and fair play of the American people.

"India's plight is even more desperate than that of Europe. It is now officially estimated that 16,000,000 people in India must starve in the next few months unless adequate food supplies are sent, and 9,100,000,000 people will be affected by this worst of all famines. These figures need not cause discouragement. There is ample food in the United States and other countries to save all the starving people.

"Our task will be to try to make those who have too much, share it with those who have nothing. The work is one of research, information and pressure.

The India Famine Emergency Committee will operate independently of the India League of America.

No Sind Wheat And Rice For Sindhis!

(From Our Correspondent)

KARACHI, March 7.

Sind, which is a surplus province as far as the wheat and rice productions are concerned, is today in par with the other deficit provinces and is stated to be facing a crisis.

Sind wheat, which is known for its nutritious value, has for the last so many days disappeared to a great extent from the local market and its place has been given to an inferior stuff—the Canadian wheat. On public agitation, the Government had agreed to give to the people in the rationed areas 20 p.c. Sind wheat with 80 p.c. of the Canadian stuff, but this arrangement too has been suspended and for the last two days, sale of wheat has been totally stopped. Instead people will be supplied with only Mill atta which is a mixture of Sind and Canadian wheat.

The position as to the supply of rice is still worse. While people in the province are starved of the best quality Sind rice known as Sugdasi and priced at Rs. 15 a maund of 40 seers, they are compelled to buy Punjab rice at the rate of Rs. 25 a maund which is imported at Government account and sold with a good margin.

This is the condition of Karachi city, the capital of the province, while that of the people in the districts can well be imagined.

BURMA IMPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

RANGOON, March 10 (U.P.I.): The Burma Government has appointed an Import Advisory Committee to enable the Commerce and Supply Department to keep in close and constant touch with commercial opinion in the task of reviving the import trade of the Country. Mr. F. B. Arnold, I.C.S., Secretary, Commerce and Supply Department is the chairman and the four chambers of Commerce have nominated three members each.

The Indian members of the Committee are Mr. I. M. Eusoof, Rai Bahadur M. G. Kapadia and Mr. M. Cassim. Mr Cassim, who was formerly connected with the "Rangoon Daily News", is the Secretary of the Indian Chamber.

EVIDENCE TO BE TAKEN IN BOMBAY

LAHORE, March 11 (A.P.I.): The second Special Tribunal consisting of Mr. M. A. Sufi (Chairman), Mr. K. B. Malik Mohammad Hussain and Mr. D. C. Ralli fixed for June 17 for recording of evidence at Bombay in the case against Seth Kailashpat Singhania, Mr. H. P. Mathur and Mr. S. K. Seth of the well-known firm of Cawnpore, Messrs. Juggilal Kamlapat, for the alleged contravention of the steel movement control order, the iron and steel control order and section 81 of the Defence of India Rules. The case came up for hearing today.

The firms of Juggilal Kamlapat, Cawnpore, and Juggilal Kamlapat, Rampur also stood charged for the same offence.

The public prosecutor Khan Sahib Ghulam Raul briefly referring to the charge against the accused submitted that they had removed steel by rail from Rampur to Bombay and sold it there in black market.

Dowry System Costs Life

LAHORE, March 11 (O. P. I.): For her father's inability to pay as much dowry as demanded by the proposed father-in-law a young Sikh girl of the District of Montgomery is reported to have committed suicide. It is said that this was the third attempt of her father to arrange her marriage.

KRIPALANI'S REQUEST

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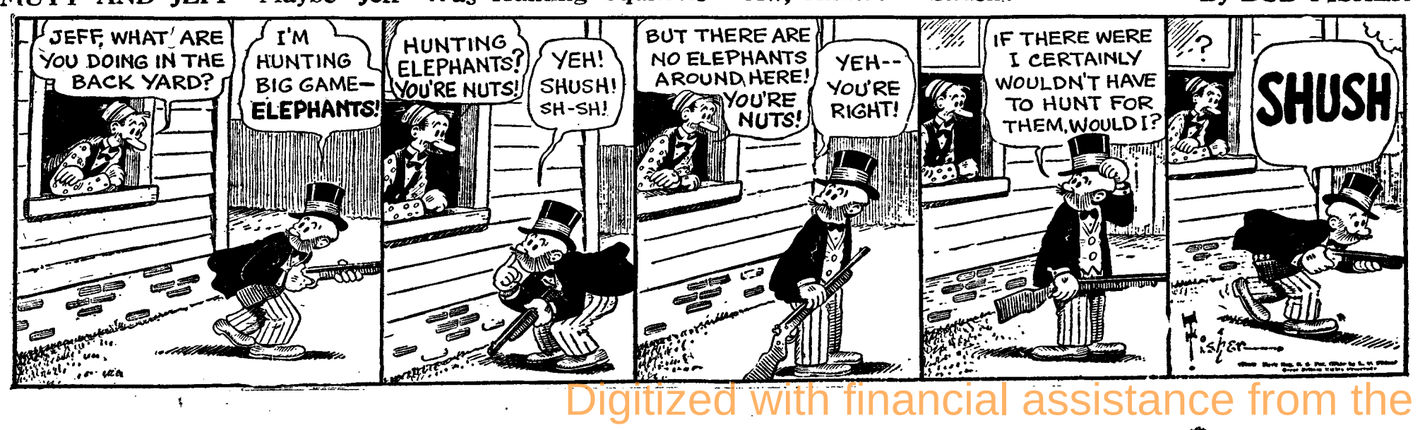
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I'M HUNTING BIG GAME— ELEPHANTS!
HUNTING ELEPHANTS? YOU'RE NUTS!
YEH! SHUSH! SH-SH!
BUT THERE ARE NO ELEPHANTS AROUND HERE! YOU'RE NUTS!
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Wanted for the Hirjee Mills Ltd., Ferguson Road, Lower Parel, Bombay 13, (1) a checker and (2) a general clerk. Apply stating terms and other particulars to the General Manager. (7053)

Head Clerk wanted for the Bombay Postal Co-operative Society, Ltd., G.P.O., Bombay, before 15th March, 1946. Pay Rs. 200-5-250. Qualifications practical knowledge of Banking Accountancy & B.Com. or G.D.A. Apply to the Honorary Secretary before 12th March, 1946. (7054)

Wanted Technicians, Clerks and Apprentices. Apply to the Manager, Central Studios Laboratory, 74-94, Tardeo Road, Bombay 7. (1108)

Wanted Immediately. Two General Clerks with a good hand and strong English. Experience of work in a Commercial Office—preferably a Life Office—necessary. Gujarati or Maharashtrian Matriculates only need apply personally with hand written applications giving full details and mentioning minimum salary expected at 4 p.m. today to: Mohan Sons & Co., Maneckji Wadia Buildings, opp. University Gardens. (1084)

Wanted:—Matrics, Non-Matrics for Sub-Agencies establishments in Bombay Presidency. Apply The Indo Finance & Transportation Corporation, Delhi. (1097)

Wanted a Paints Salesman and Demonstrator for 'USHA' Industrial Enamels and Varnishes on salary and commission. Persons who do not possess a practical experience in the application and use of paints need not apply. Must be B.Sc. in Chemistry with previous experience in sales. Post permanent. Must be willing to travel all over Bombay Presidency. Apply stating minimum starting salary acceptable and age, superscribing application "For Paints Salesman" to Box No. 7056 "Bombay Chronicle". (1101)

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G.I.P. RAILWAY—TENDERS

THE CONTROLLER OF STORES invites tenders for Printing, Binding and Supplying the G.I.P. Railway Coaching Tariff Part III, Form obtainable from Stores Head Office, Gipstore Lane, Lower Parel, Bombay 13, at Rs. 2|- per copy, not refundable. Money Order or cash only. Closing date 2nd April, 1946, at 3 P.M. (S.T.) (7048)

NOTICE

In supersession of the University Notification No. 1005, dated the 15th January, 1946, (published in the Bombay Government Gazette of the 17th January, 1946), the B.Sc. (Tech.) Examination and the Test in German for the B.Sc. (Tech.) First Year Students will be held in the Wilson College, Bombay.

By Order,
S. R. DONGERKERY,
University Registrar.
Bombay, 9th March, 1946. (7051)

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IMMEDIATELY 180 qualified OVERSEERS or SUB-OVERSEERS on Rs. 90 to Rs. 120|- according to experience and 80|- p.m. respectively for temporary appointment. Age limit 40. Ex-Service candidates preferred. For full particulars apply Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, Nagpur.

(Sd.) C. B. ROY,
Chief Engineer,
C.P. and Berar, P.W.D.
Dated the 8th March, 1946. (7052)

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, BENGAL.

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED from male candidates of all communities with war service to fill a permanent vacancy in the post of Assistant Electric Inspector, Bengal, on a pay of Rs. 130-10|2-140-20|2-220 with a conveyance allowance of Rs. 16 per month. The incumbent of the post will also draw the usual dearness allowance. Qualifications—must have had a thorough technical education and possess electrical qualifications from a recognised Engineering College: in addition to the College Course, he must have had two years' practical experience in Electrical Engineering: must be able to carry out electrical tests and to draft reports. Full details and application forms may be obtained from the Secretary, Public Service Commission, Bengal, Anderson House, Alipore, Calcutta personally or ON SENDING AN ADDRESSED ENVELOPE WITH A NINE PIES STAMP affixed. They will not be supplied on receipt of mere stamps. Letters must not be addressed to the Secretary by name. Last date for receipt of applications on prescribed form, together with a treasury receipt for Rs. 5, 31st March, 1946. (7057)

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Secretaries, Treasurers & Agents.
Hyderabad-Dn.,
D|8th March, 1946. (7055)

NOTICE

1. APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED from Muslim Women candidates to fill the following posts in a Government High School for girls, Calcutta:—
   (a) Assistant Mistress.
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on a pay of Rs. 75/- each rising to Rs. 175/-. The selected candidates will be appointed on a temporary basis for the present with prospects of being made permanent.
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or
pass Bengal Final Madrasah with Persian as additional subject or its equivalent with evidence of sound knowledge of Urdu; good knowledge of English will be an additional qualification.
3. Officers already in service possessing the requisite qualification may apply.
4 Canvassing of any description will be regarded as a disqualification.
5. Applications will be considered only if made in the prescribed form which can be obtained from the Assistant Director of Public Instruction for Muhammadan Education, Bengal, Writers' Buildings, Calcutta, and must be submitted duly filled in to that officer on or before the 31st March, 1946. 7037

PUBLIC NOTICES

M. S. M. RAILWAY-TENDER.

THE CHIEF ENGINEER, M. and S. M. Railway, Park Town, Madras, invites sealed tenders for "Stone ballasting Gadag-Sholapur Branch" from mile 43.75 to 87.25 in connection with the work "Relaying with 50 lbs. R.F.F. rails on wooden sleepers in lieu of existing 41 ½ lbs. wooden and steel sleepers".

Tender forms with schedule of rates, giving full particulars of the work, Instructions to Parties Tendering and conditions of Contract can be obtained on application to the Chief Engineer on payment of Rs. 10 each, which will not be refundable.

Each tender must be accompanied by a deposit of Rs. 300 and intending tenderers should send samples of ballast from specified quarries along with the tender to the Chief Engineer.

Tenders should be superscribed "STONE BALLASTING GADAG-SHOLAPUR BRANCH" and submitted so as to reach the Chief Engineer, not later than 12 Noon on Wednesday 10th April, 1946. 7059

M. & S. M. RAILWAY—TENDER.

I. The Chief Engineer invites sealed tenders for the maintenance of the following sections on the Metre Gauge system of this Railway:—
   (i) From Portuguese Frontier (mile 51.04) to Mormugao on the Portuguese Territory including the Harbour comprising Castle Rock (Portuguese Territory), Sanvordem and Vascodagama Sections.
   (ii) From Londa to Portuguese Frontier (mile 51.04) comprising Castle Rock (British Territory).

II. The whole length as above will be allotted to one Contractor —but separate agreements will be necessary for British and Portuguese territories.

III. Tenders should be submitted in the prescribed form which can be obtained on application to the Chief Engineer, M. & S. M. Railway, Madras, on payment of Rs. 10 for the whole length which will not be refundable.

IV. The tenders should be superscribed "MAINTENANCE CONTRACT—MORMUGAO DISTRICT" and sent so as to reach the Chief Engineer, M. & S. M. Railway, Park Town, Madras, not later than 12 Noon on Monday, 15th April, 1946. Each tender must be accompanied by a deposit of Rs. 500. 7058

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AUCTION NOTICE

UNDER INSTRUCTIONS from Regional Commissioner, Disposals, Southern Circle, Bombay, a Public Auction Sale of HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, consisting of DINING TABLES, CHAIRS, SIDEBOARDS, DRAWING ROOM SUITE, CENTRE, TELEPHONE and WRITING TABLES, BOOKSHELVES, HAT STANDS, BEDS WITH MATTRESSES, DRESSING TABLES, etc. will be held at 2-30 p.m. on 13th March, 1946.

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By Order of His Worship
the Mayor,
B. V. MODY,
Municipal Secretary.
Municipal Corporation Office,
Bombay, 9th March, 1946. 7050

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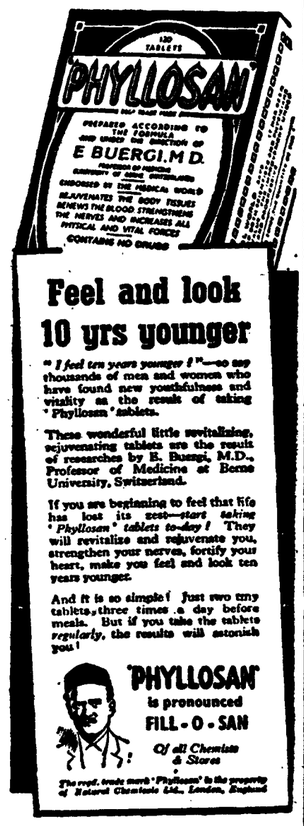
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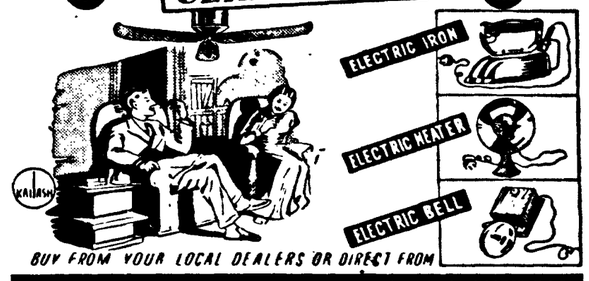

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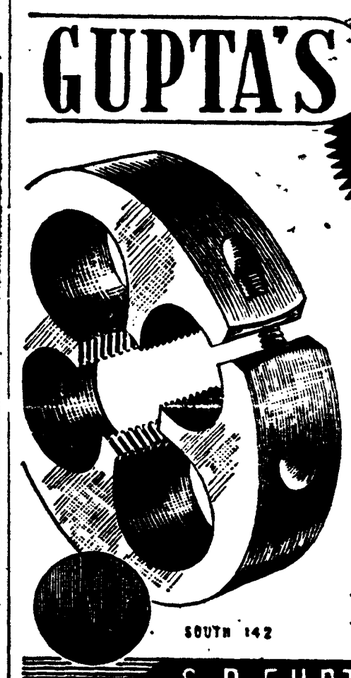

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